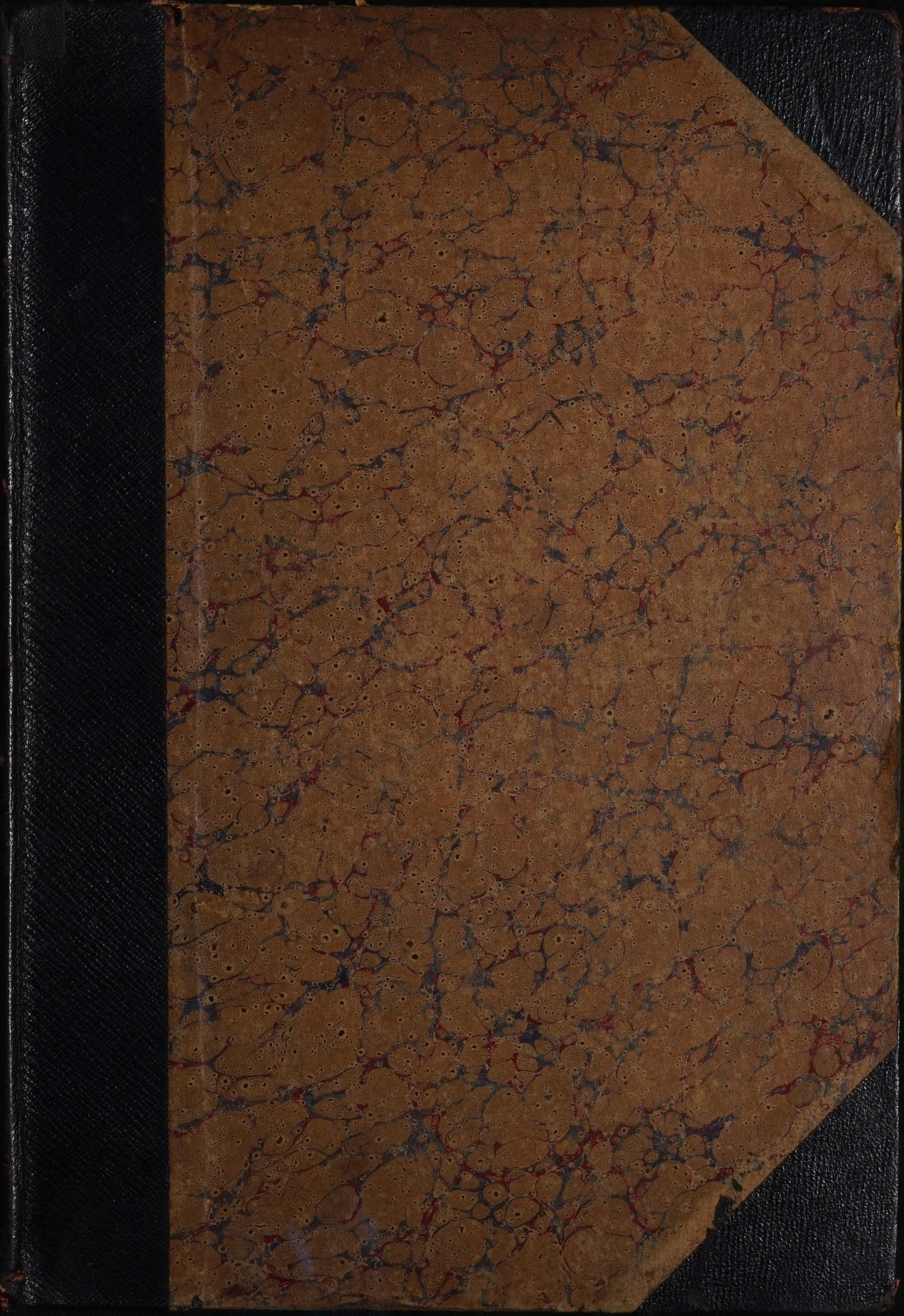

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ANNO TERTIO HENRICI VIII.

The Kynge our ſoueraygne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conqueſt, by the grace of God king of England and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at Weſtminſter in yͤ. iiij. day of February, in the thyrde yere of his moſt noble reygne, to the honour of God and holye churche, ⁊ for the common weale ⁊ profite of this his realme, by the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys preſente parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritye of the ſame, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, and enacted, certaine ſtatutes and ordynaunces in manner and fourme folowinge

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WHere in a parliamēt begon and holden at Weſtminſter the .xvj. daye Januarye in the.xvij.yeare of kynge Edwarde the.iiij.amōges other it was oꝛdeined by auctority of the ſame parliament, that no perſon ſhould cary ne make to be caried out of this realme oꝛ wales frō no parte of the ſame,any maner money of the coyne of this realme,noꝛ money of the coynes of other realmes lands oꝛ loꝛdeſhips, noꝛ plate, veſſell, bullion, noꝛ Jewell of golde garniſhed oꝛ vngarniſhed oꝛ of ſiluer, without the kinges licence, but ſuche perſons as be diſpenſed within the ſtatute,made in the ſeconde yere of king Henry the ſixt,and other diuers ſtatutes made,vpon peine of felony,as in the ſaid ſtatute and oꝛdinaunce moꝛe plainly doth appere. The whiche ſtatute and oꝛdinaunce was made to endure from the feaſt of Eaſter,in the.xviij.yere of the ſayde kynge Edwarde, vnto the ende of.vij.yeres than next enſuinge, whiche ſtatute and oꝛdinaunce afoꝛe reherſed, by auctoꝛity of parlyamente holden in the.iiij.yere of the reigne of the late king of moſt famous memorye Henrye the.vij.were affyꝛmed and enacted to bee goode and effectuall from the feaſt of the purification of our lady,the yere of our loꝛde god.M.CCCC.lxxxix.and to endure vnto the ende of.xx.yeres than next enſuinge. And foꝛ as muche as the ſayd ſtatute oꝛdinaunce and acte ſhoulde expyꝛe: and whiche is thought foꝛ the moꝛe parte to be very good and neceſſarye. Therfoꝛe be it enacted by auctoꝛity of this pꝛeſent parliamēt, that the ſayd ſtatutes,oꝛdinaunces,and actes aboue reherſed,be and ſhall ſtand good & effectuall from the feaſt of the purification of our Lady, in the yere of our loꝛde god.M.D.ix. after the computacion of Englande, in euerye thynge therin conteined,except only the penalty of felony in the ſayd ſtatute limitted: And that from the ſaide feaſt of the purification of our Lady,in ẏ yere of our loꝛde god.M.D.ix.euery perſon, that ſhall cary,oꝛ do to be caried ouer the ſea,oꝛ bꝛing it into any ſhippe oꝛ veſſell to be caried ouer ẏ ſea,anye money, coyne, plate, veſſell, bullion, Jewell of golde garniſhed oꝛ vngarnyſhed,oꝛ of ſiluer,contrary to the foꝛme of the ſayde ſtatutes,ſhall foꝛfayte the double value of the ſame: the one halfe therof to the kynge, and the other halfe to hym that ſhall ſeyſe, oꝛ therfoꝛe ſue by action of debte at the common law. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerning eſchetours and commiſſioners foꝛ true findinge of offices to endure foꝛ euer. Cap.ij.

PRaien the commons in this pꝛeſent parliamēt aſſembled, that where in the parlyament holden at Weſtminſter, the.xxj.daye of Januarye, the fyꝛſt yeare of the raygne of our ſoueraygne loꝛde the kynge that nowe is, foꝛ as muche as dyuers of the kinges ſubiectes of late time were hurted, troubled, wronged, and ſome diſheryted by Eſchetours and Commyſſioners, cauſinge vntrue offices to be founden, and ſomtime retourninge into thecourtes of recorde, offices and inquiſicions that were neuer founde, and ſometime chaunginge the matter of the offices that were truely founden, to the great hurte, trouble, and dyſheriſon of the kynges true ſubiectes, that lyke before time hath not beene ſeene in this realme: wherfore it was ordeyned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted by auctoritye of the ſayde parliament, that yf any eſchetour or commiſſioner hereafter retourne, or put into any of thekinges courtes, anye inquiſitions or offices, concerninge landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes: not founden nor preſented by the othes of .xij. men, and indented, and by theym ſealed: that than the ſame Eſchetour orcommiſſioner to forfaite for euery ſuch office or inquiſicion ſo returned and put into any of the ſayde courtes, a hundreth poundes to the party or parties greeued by any ſuche inquiſicion or office. And from henceforthe that no eſchetour, ne no man ſitte by vertue of any cõmiſſion, to enquere of lands, tenemen or other hereditamentes, excepte he, or other to his vſe, haue landes, tenementes or heredytamentes, of the yearelye value of .xl. markes, aboue all charges and repriſes, vppon peyne of .xx.li. And that it ſhall be lawefull for all perſons that be not ſufficient of freeholde in poſſeſſion or vſe, at the time of any ſuche commiſſion to them deliuered, to refuſe to ſitte and inquere by vertue of the ſame commiſſion: And that they vppon proceſſe made againſt them out of the kinges eſchequer, by vertue of the ſame commiſſion, to be diſcharged vppon their othes for their ſayde non ſufficiencie, without fine or fee. And that euery eſchetour and commiſſioner ſhall ſytte in conuenient and open places accordinge to the ſtatutes heretofore made. And that the ſayde Eſchetour and commiſſioner ſhall ſuffer euerye perſon to geue euidence openly in their preſence to ſuch enqueſtes as ſhalbe taken before any of them, vpon peine of .xl.l. And that no ſhyriffe nor other perſon, whiche ſhall or oughte to retourne writtes or preceptes, retourne before Eſchetour or ſuche commiſſioner anye perſon or perſons to enquyre of any Landes or tenementes, except euery of the ſame Iurye, ſo retourned, or other to theyr vſe, haue landes or tenementes of the yerely value of .xl.s. within the ſame ſhire, where the ſame enquiry ſhalbe made, without fraud or colluſion, aboue all charges & repriſes, vpon peine of forfaiture for euery perſon ſo retourned one .C.s. And that the Iury, that ſhalbe ſworne before any Eſchetour or ſuche commiſſioner, to enquere of landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, ſhal receiue the counterpane of the office or inquiſition, that by them ſhall be preſented, indented and ſealed by the eſchetour or by ſuch commiſſioner, and the ſame deliuer, and ſuffer to reſte in the poſſeſſion of the firſte perſon, that ſhall be ſworne in the ſayd Iury, with him to remaine, to thentent that the ſayde commiſſioner or eſchetour may not chaunge nor embeſell the ſaide offices or inquiſicions. And this to be done vpon peyne of euery of the ſayde perſons(that ſhall be ſworne).xx.s. And that euery eſchetour and cōmiſſioner after a Jury or enqueſt before any of them ſworne, be redy to geue their verdict or preſentmente, and offer to preſent the ſame, that the ſame Eſchetour or commiſſioners, or part of theym ſhall receiue the ſame verdict without further delaye, vppon peyne of.C.li. and deliuer the counterpane of the endenture to the Jury in fourme afore reherſed, vpon like peine. And that if the clarke of the petite bagge of the kynges Chauncery, for the time beinge, or hys deputy or deputies, or anye other officer, there hauinge auctority to receiue anye ſuche office or inquiſition, to whoſe handes any ſuche office or inquiſition ſhall come to, whiche ought to be retourned into the ſayde Chauncery, wyll not receyue yͤ ſame office or inquiſition, and put it on the Filas to remaine of recorde, within three dayes after it be receiued or offered to him to be receiued: he to forfait for euerye ſuche defaulte.xl.li. And the commiſſioner or Eſchetour, afore whome the ſame office or inquiſition is founden, as is aforeſayde, and offered to be deliuered into the Chaunterye, to be diſcharged of the penaltye of xl.li. limitted by ſtatute for none retourninge of the ſame office or inquiſition within three monethes. And that like lawe and penaltye be to charge the officer or officers of the kynges eſchequer, for the time beynge, whiche oughte to receiue inquiſitions or offices retournable into the ſame Eſchequer, refuſynge ſo to receyue theym. And that the commiſſioner or Eſchetour, before whom the ſayd inquiſitions or offices be founden, be diſcharged of the penalty of the ſtatute for none retourninge of the ſame inquiſitions or offices, ſo that than the ſayde eſchetour or commiſſioners, at any tyme after the moneth of any ſuch offices before them or any of them takē, within an other moneth than next enſuinge retourne the ſayd office into yͤ ſayd Chauncery or eſchequer, as the caſe ſhall require. And that the ſayde clerke of the petite bagge, for the tyme beynge, certifye or cauſe to be certified the tranſcript of euery ſuch office, or inquiſicion, taken before any cōmiſſioners or eſchetours, into the kings eſchequer the next terme folowinge yͤ receypt thereof, vpon peyne of forfaiture for euery ſuche defaulte.C.s. And that no man be compelled after the feaſt of all ſainctes next commynge to occupy nor exerciſe the office of any eſchetour by any one patēt, ouer one hole yere. And that he yͭ is once eſchetour, ſhall not be made eſchetour againe within three yeres after the foreſayd hole yere ended. And if any eſchetour, after the feaſte of all Sainctes, be made Eſchetour, or exerciſe his office by reaſon of one patēt ouer the time of one hole yere ended, or be made eſchetour within.iij.yere after, as is aforeſaide that than after the ſayde hole yere, in fourme aforeſayd ended, his patent ſo made to be voyde and of none effect. And that the partye or partyes ſo greeued ſhall haue his or their recouerye of euery of the ſayd forfaitures of one.C.pound, by action of debt, in which action the defendaunt ſhall not wage his lawe, nor be by protection nor eſſoyn. And the reſidue of the other forfaiturs(expreſſed in this preſent acte) the kinge ſhall haue the one moity therof, and the party that will ſue therfore by action of debte, the other moity. And the defendant ſhall haue none other delay but as is aforeſaide.

Prouided alway that this acte, concerninge eſchetours for exerciſynge of theyr office ouer a whole yere together, and letters patentes or graũtes made or to be made to any eſchetour for terme of lyfe, or for yeres, or otherwiſe, extende not, ne be preiudiciall to any eſchetour that nowe is, and that hereafter ſhall be made and ordeined in any citye, or towne corporate, or in the Duchies of Lancaſtre, Cornewalle, and the countyes Palantines of Lancaſter, Cheſter, Duram, or Ely, or any other countye palantine within the realme of Englande, wales, or other marches of the ſame, or to any Eſchetour made, or hereafter to be made, by any perſon or perſons ſpirytuall or tẽporall, hauinge auctority by reaſon of any frauncheſe, liberty, pryuiledges, preſcriptions, or graunt, to depute or make any ſuche Eſchetour in the ſame.

Prouided alſo that this acte (as to any penalty in the ſame concerninge the ſufficiencie of eſchetour and iurours aforeſaide) extende not, nor be preiudiciall to any eſchetour in cities or townes corporate, ne to any other Eſchetour made, or hereafter to be made by any perſõ or perſons hauinge priuileges to make eſchetours for inquiſicions of landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, ne to any ſhiryffe or baylyffe for retourninge in any panell any perſon or perſons before any of the ſayde Eſchetours of leſſe value than is conteined in the ſayde acte. The eſchetours of the countyes palantyne of Lancaſter, and Cheſter in this prouiſo onely forpriſed and excepted.

Prouided alſo that this acte extende nor be preiudiciall to any Juſtices of the peace, for any thynge doinge concerning the commiſſion of the peace which acte and ſtatute was ordeined and made to endure vnto yͤ firſt day of this preſent parliament. And for as muche as the ſayde acte is thoughte to be very neceſſary and behoueable: Be it therfore ordeyned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lorde, and the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parlyamente aſſembled, and by aucthority of the ſame, that the ſayde acte concerninge Eſchetours and commiſſioners, and euery thinge therin cõteined, ſtande ⁊ be in full ſtrẽgth vertue and effecte for euer more.

¶ An acte concerninge the maintenaunce of archery ⁊ ſhootinge in longe bowes within this realme. Cap. iij.

The kinge our ſoueraigne lorde, calling to his moſte noble ⁊ gracious remẽbrance, that by the feate and exerciſe of the ſubiects of this his realme in ſhotynge in longe bowes, there hath continually growen ⁊ bene within yͤ ſame great nombre ⁊ multytude of good archers, which haue not only defẽded this realme ⁊ the ſubiectes therof againſt yͤ cruell malice ⁊ daunger of their outwarde enemies in tyme heretofore paſſed, but alſo with litle number ⁊ puyſſance in regarde haue done many notable actes and diſcomfetures of warre agaynſt yͤ infidels and other, and furthermore ſubdued and reduced diuers and many regions ⁊ countreis to their due obeiſance to the great honour, fame, and ſuertye of this realme and ſubiectes, and to the terryble drede and feare of all ſtraunge nacions any thinge to attempt or do to the hurte or damage of them or any of them. And allbeit that diuers good and profitable ſtatutes in yͤ time of his noble progenitoures ⁊ predeceſſours kinges of this lande for yͤ maintenaunce of archerie and longe bowes heretofore haue ben made, amonge which the right famous kynge of noble memory Henry the. vii. father to our ſayde ſoueraigne lorde, by auctority of diuers parliamentes, cauſed good and notable acts and ſtatutes to be eſtabliſhed and made, and that ſhoting in croſbowes ſhould be ſet on part ⁊ not vſed. And alſo that great number of boweſtaues of ewe ſhould be brought and conueyed by marchaunts repayringe into thys realme from thoſe partes where they grow, vpon certaine paynes in the ſame ſtatutes limitted and contayned, yet neuertheleſſe archery and ſhotyng in longe bowes is right litle vſed, but dayly miniſheth, decayeth, and abateth more and more, for that much part of the comminalty and parcel of yͤ realme whereby of olde tyme the great number and ſubſtance of archers hath growen and multiplied, be not of power nor abilitye to by them longe bowes of ewe to exerciſe ſhotyng in the ſame, and to ſuſteyne the continuall charge thereof, and alſo by meanes and occacion of cuſtomable vſage of tenes play, bowles, cloſhe and other vnlawful games prohibite by many good and beneficiall eſtatutes, by auctoritee of parliament, in that behalfe prouided and made, great impoueriſhment hath inſued, and many heynous murders roberies and felonyes be committed and doone, and alſo the deuine ſeruice, by ſuch miſdoers on holy and feſtiuall dayes not harde or ſolemniſed, to the hyghe diſpleaſure of almighty god: wherefore the kynges highneſſe of hys moſte bleſſed diſpoſicion, greate wiſedome, and prouidence, and alſo for zaele to the publike weale, ſuerty and defence of this his realme, and ſubiectes and their auncient fame in this behalfe to be reuiued and repaired by the aſſent of his lordes ſpirituall and temporall and his comons in this preſent parliament aſſembled and by auctorytee of the ſame, hath ordayned, enacted, and eſtabliſhed, that the ſtatute of wincheſter for archers, be put in due execution. And ouer that, that euerye man beynge the kynges ſubiecte, not lame, decrepite, nor maymed, nor hauinge any other lawfull or reaſonable cauſe or impedimente. beyng within the age of. lx. yeres excepte ſpirituall men, Juſtices of the one benche and of the other, Juſtices of Aſſiſe, and barons of the eſchequere do vſe and exerciſe ſhotynge in long bowes. And alſo to haue a bowe, ⁊ arrowes redy continually in his houſe to vſe hym ſelfe, and do vſe hym ſelfe in ſhotyng. And alſo that the father, gouernoures, and rulers of ſuche as be of tender age do teach and brynge vp them in yͤ knowlage of the ſame ſhotyng. And that euery man hauing a man childe, or menchildren in his houſe, ſhall prouide ordaine & haue in his houſe for euerye manchilde, beynge of the age of.vii.yeres & aboue, till he ſhall come to the age of.xvii.yeare, a bowe & ii. ſhaftes, to enduce & lerne them & bringe them vp in ſhotyng, & ſhall deliuer all yͤ ſame bowes and arrowes to the ſame yonge men, to vſe and occupye. And if the ſame yonge men be ſeruantes, that than their maiſters ſhal abate yͤ mony that they ſhall paie for the ſame bowes and arrowes of their wages And after all ſuch yonge men ſhall come to the age of.xvii.yeres, euery of them ſhall prouide and haue a bowe and.iiii.arrowes continually for him ſelfe at his proper coſtes & charges, or els of the gyft or prouiſion of his frendes & vſe and occupy the ſame in ſhoting, as is afore reherſed. And that the Juſtices of aſſiſes, of gaole delyuery, Juſtyces of peace and ſtewardes of fraunchiſes leetes, & lawdayes, haue power to enquire of all the premiſſes in theyr ſeſſions letes and lawdayes and here & determin the ſame. And alſo by theyr diſcrecions examin all perſons lackinge and not hauinge bowes, ſhaftes and arrowes accordyng to the forme afore reherſed. And euery perſō that ſhal be founde by ſuch inquiery or examinacion in defaut, or not prouiding and hauing bowes arrowes & ſhaftes redy by the ſpace of one month, ſhal forfait and pay for euery ſuch defaute.xii.d. And where any ſuch forfaiture ſhall happen to be founden within the precincte of any frauncheſe lete, or law day, than the lorde of the ſame fraunchiſe lete or law daye ſhall haue the forfayture thereof. And in all other places, all ſuch forfayture to be to the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde, his heyres and ſucceſſours. And that all ſtatutes heretofore made againſt thē that vſe vnlawfull games, be duly put in execucion & puniſhment had according to the penalties of yͤ ſame as wel againſt yͤ offenders & occupiers of ſuche vnlawfull games, as againſt thē that be owners or kepers of houſes or other places, where any ſuche vnlawfull games be vſed accordyng to the purporte tenor & intent of the ſame ſtatutes, & furthermore that all the iuſtices of peace, maires, bailiffes ſheriffes, cunſtables and all other head officers & euery of them finding or knowing any maner perſon or perſones, vſing or exerciſing any vnlaufull games, contrary to the ſayd ſtatute, haue full power & auctoritye to cōmit euerye ſuch offendor to ward, there to remayn with out bayle or mainpriſe, to ſuch tyme he or they ſo offending, be bounden by obligaciō to the kinges vſe in ſuch ſomme of money as by the diſcrecion of the ſaid Juſtices, mayres, bayliffes, or other head officers ſhallbe thought reaſonable that they nor any of them ſhall not frō thenſforth vſe any vnlawfull games. And that euery bowier within this realme, alway make for euery one bow of ewe, that he maketh to ſell at the leaſte .ii. bowes of elme, wich or other wod of meane price, & if they or any of them refuſe ſo to do, & it foūdē before iuſtices of peace in the ſhire or maires, baylifes or other head officer of cyties or boroughes wͭ in theire cities or borowes, by preſentment of .xii men or by due examination before the ſaid Juſtices of peace,or.ij.of them,or before the ſayde Mayres or Bailiffes,that thē the ſame Juſtices, Maires or bailiffes haue full auctority ⁊ power to cōmit thē to ward,ther to remaine without baile or mainpriſe by the ſpace of.viii. daies or more,by the diſcretion of the ſaid iuſtices,mayres,or bailyffes.And alſo that buttes be made in euery city,towne,and place accordinge to the law of auncient time vſed. And that the inhabitantes and dwellers in euery of them be compelled to make and cōtinue ſuch buttes,and to exerciſe them ſelfe with long bowes in ſhoting at the ſame ⁊ els where on holy dayes ⁊ other times conueniēt. And ouer that it is enacted by the ſaid auctoritye,that euery iuſtice of peace within this realme, or ii. of them within their ſeuerall iuriſdictions, haue full power and auctoritye to take,aſſigne,⁊ appoint bowiers in.iii.ii or mo places by theyr diſcretion,within euery ſhyre, citye,or borowes, where the moſt common repayre and reſort is of his ſubiects,⁊ there to inhabite and make long bowes of elme,wyche,or other wodde of litle price and value to ſerue the cōminaltye for the due exerciſe of ſhooting,and to take and cōpell as many of them as they ſhall thinke neceſſary by theyr diſcretiōs,to inhabite at ſuch places for the ſame.And ſo in likewiſe as often as the caſe ſhall require ⁊ be thought behouefull.And that all bowe ſtaues of ewe hereafter to be brought into this realme to be ſolde,be open and not ſolde in bundels nor cloſe, to thentent the byers of theim may haue perfite knowledge of yͤ goodneſſe of them,and geue the better price for them, if they be ſo worthe. And be it alſo enacted by the auctority aforeſayde,that all maires,bailiffes, ſheriffes,and all other head officers ſhall make open proclamation of theſe preſents in euery market ⁊ faire to be holdē within their ſeuerall iuriſdictions ⁊ auctorities. And alſo that the Juſtice of the goale deliuere, aſſiſes,⁊ Juſtices of peace do cauſe yͤ ſame to be proclamed in their ſeuerall circuites and ſeſſions before them to be holden.This acte concerninge the makinge of bowes of elme,wich,or other then of ewe, to begyn to take effect at the feaſt of Lammeſſe next comming:And the reſidue of all this act to take effect ⁊ be put in execution immediately,⁊ to endure to the next parliament.

Jtem that no ſtranger borne out of the kinges obeyſaunce(not beinge denyzen)ſhal not conuey nor do to be conueied into any partes out of yͤ kynges obeiſance any long bowes,arrowes,or ſhaftes,without the kings ſpeciall licēce,vpon peine of forfaiture of the ſame,wherſoeuer they ſhalbe taken within this the kinges power, ⁊ vpon peine of impriſonment without baile or manpriſe,vnto ſuch time he or they(ſo beynge in warde)haue made a reaſonable fine to the kynge for his or theyr offences, afore the Juſtice of peace or.ij.of thē in their ſeſſiōs in the ſame coūty, where he or they ſhall be cōmitted to ward,or finde ſufficient ſurety for the paimēt of the ſame fine.

Jtem that no maner perſon(not beynge borne within the kinges obeyſaunce)not made denizen,vſe within the kinges obeiſaunce ſhotinge with longe bowes,without the kynges licence, vpon peine of forfaiture of ſuch bowes, arowes, and ſhaftes, as they ſhall be founden ſo ſhootynge with, & euery of the kyngs ſubiectes may haue auctority to take and ſeiſe the ſame forfayturs to his owne vſe.

¶An acte of protections and licence of alienation for ſuch perſons as ſhalbe in the kinges warres. Cap.iiij.

The kinge our ſoueraigne Lorde, for diuers cauſes and reaſonable conſideracions him mouyng, by the aſſent of his lords ſpirytuall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente Parlyamente aſſembled, and by auctority of the ſame, hath enacted, ordeyned, and eſtablyſhed, that euerye, perſon, of what condicion or degree hee be of, beynge or hereafter ſhall be in our ſayde ſoueraygne Lorde the Kinges wages and ſeruice of warre beyonde the ſea, or vpon the ſea, at his pleaſure, haue the protection of profecture or morature, cum cla. volumus. And in the exception of the ſayde protection there be made omyſſion of aſſiſis. And that the ſayde protections be allowable in all the kynges courtes, and other courtes, where the ſayde protections ſhall be pleaded or layed for anye of the ſayde perſons in all pleaſe of aſſiſe, as well of nouell diſſeyſyn as of freſheforce without any dyfficulty: And excepte alwaye that the ſayd protections be not allowable in actions of debte, taken or to be taken by our ſoueraigne lorde the kinge or by any perſon to his vſe, or to the vſe of our late ſoueraigne lorde kynge Henry the. vij. or to the vſe of his executours for the perfourmaunce of his wyll, nor in anye appeall of murther or felonye by anye perſon or perſons, ſued or to be ſued. And that a ſpeciall clauſe be expreſſed in the ſame protection for the ſame.

Alſo be it enacted, that the iudgementes to be geuen from henceforth in ſuch Aſſiſe, arrained or to be arrained, ſhall not be preiudiciall to any of the ſayde perſons, ſo beynge in the ſeruice of our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge as is aforeſayde, whiche haue anye thynge in reuercion or remaynder in landes or tenementes, wherof ſuch Aſſiſe be arrained, if the names of thoſe perſons, which be in the reuercion or the remainder of ſuch landes or tenementes, be not in the ſayd Aſſiſe, but that the ſayd iudgemēt be againſt al them voyde: The ſayde ordinaunce to endure and be auaylable to euery of the ſayde perſons as longe as he abideth in the kynges wages and ſeruice of warre. And if this ordinaunce, touching the ſaide perſons ſo nowe abyding or after this ſhall ſo abide in the ſeruice of the kinges highnes, be not ſufficient for the eaſe and ſuerty of them: Be it ordeined and enacted by the ſame auctority, that our ſoueraigne lorde the kynge, and the lordes of his counſell, for the time beynge, haue full power in all maner of actions, ſuites and proceſſe, to graunte to euerye ſuche perſons protections, as ſhall be in their cauſes auaylable after their diſcretions, durynge the time that they or any of them continue in the ſayde ſeruice of warre

Prouided that this acte be not auaylable to any perſon for any entree, ſince the firſt day of this preſent parliament. Alſo be yt enacted that if any diſcente of any landes or tenementes or any other ryght or hereditaments be to any perſone or perſons (beyng with in this realme or els where) that that diſcēt be of no greater effect to the damage or hurt of the ſayd perſōs beynge in the kinges ſeruice, as is aforeſayde, than yf the ſayde perſons in the kinges ſeruice ſo beinge, were within the age of .xxj. yeres.

Alſo be it ordeyned by the ſayde auctoritye, that all ſuch perſons, as ſhall paſſe ouer the ſea, or byde vpon the ſea in the kinges ſeruice, as is aforeſaid eueriche of them, whiche haue landes and tenemētes holden of the king, or of any other to their onely vſe, ſhall & may lawfully make therof alienatiō feoffementes, & tranſmutacion of poſſeſſion by dede or dedes, fine or fines, recouerye or recoueryes, for the performaunce of theyr willes, without any fine for the ſaid alienations, feoffementes, fines, recoueryes, or tranſmutacion of poſſeſſion therefore to be made. And that they & euery of them, their heyres, and aſſignes, & the heyres and aſſignes of euery of them, be diſcharged of all ſuch fines by the ſayde acte without letters patentes of licence or pardō, or other diſcharge to be had in that behalfe. And furthermore be it alſo ordeyned and enacted by the ſaide auctority, that if any of the ſayd perſons, ſo being in the ſayde ſeruice, whiche holde lands or tenementes of the kyng, or of any other by knightes ſeruice or otherwiſe, wherfore his heyres ought to be in warde, and fortune in the ſayd ſeruice to deceſſe beyonde yͤ ſea or vpon the ſea, or that any feoffement of the ſame landes and tenemētes, be ſuppoſed to be made by colluſion, the heyre of the owner of the ſame landes and tenementes beynge within age: that than the feoffes or executours of ſuche perſon ſo deceſſed, haue the warde and mariage of the heire, ſo beinge within age, and of the landes and tenementes ſo holden duringe the nonage of euery ſuche heyre, to the performaunce of the will of the ſayd perſon ſo deceaſſed, without any accompt or other thinge to be yelden, payynge yerely the rentes to the chiefe lord or lordes of the fee: ſauing to euery perſon or perſons, other then the ſaid perſōs, that ſhall make any ſuche alyenacion feoffemēt fine, or ſuffer recouery to be had againſt them, without payinge therfore anye fine to the kynge or the lorde or lordes, of whom the ſayde landes is holden, for the ſame, ſuche right, title, vſe & intereſt, as they had before the ſayd feoffement, alienation, fine, recouery, or tranſmutacion of poſſeſſion, or any of them, made or ſuffred of any ſuch landes, tenements or hereditamentes, whereof any ſuch feoffement, fine, alienation or recouerye ſo ſhall be made.

Prouided alway, that this acte extende not to any capitaines or ſouldiours, that now be or hereafter ſhall be reteyned within the townes of Caleys, Hamnes, Guiſnes, Riſebancke, and Berwike, Wales, or any of them, and the marches of the ſame.

An act

¶ An acte for payment of wages to ſouldiours beynge in the kynges warre. Cap.v.

FOrasmuche as the kynge our ſoueraygne Lorde entendeth, by the grace of god, to ſende ouer the ſea a great army, truſtynge thereby not onely to preſerue this his realme in his auncient fame & honor but alſo to ſet in perfecte peace & tranquillitie hys ſubiectes of the ſame, and yͤ better to be diſpoſed to ſerue god. Howe be it many times by yͤ inordinat couetouſnes of capitains retained with prices afore this time great parte of the number of ſouldiours, for whom ſuch capitaynes haue endented with prices at time of nede, haue lacked of theyr number of ſouldyours, wherby greate ieopardie hath enſued, and irrecuperable damages may enſue, if remedy therefor be not ſene and had. Be it therfore ordeyned by auctoritee of this preſent parlyamēt, that if any captaine be reteined or hereafter ſhal be, to ſerue the kinge vpon the ſea, or beyond the ſea in feat of warre, whiche haue not hys or theyr hole and perfite number of men and ſouldiours, accordynge as he ſhall be reteyned with the kynge, or geue not theym theyr full wages without abrydgemente, as he ſhall receyue of the kinge for them: he ſhall for ſuch default forfayte to the kinge all hys goodes and catalles, & their bodies to priſon. And that euery capitaine pety, capitayne, and all other hauinge vnder them retinue of ſouldiour or ſouldiours at the kynges wages, ſhall (vppon the payne aforeſayde) paye to the retynue of ſouldiour or ſouldyours, and euery of the ſame, the wages ratablye as is alowed vnto them by the kinge our ſoueraygne lord, or the treaſorer of his warres, without leſſinge or withdrawinge of any parte therof. And for as longe tyme as they ſhall receiue wages for them, this paiment to be made vnto the ſayd retinues, and euery ſouldiour of the ſame, of their capitaines, and pety capitaines, alwayes within .vj. daies next and immediatly after that yͤ ſaid capitaine, pety capitaine or other ſhall haue receiued their wages of the kynge, or of the treaſourer of his warres, or of their lordes or maiſters. And yf any ſouldiour, beinge no capitaine immediatly reteined with the kinge, which hereafter ſhalbe in wages and reteined, or take any preſt to ſerue the kyng vpō the ſea or vpon the land, or beyond yͤ ſea depart out of the kinges ſeruice, without licence of the kinges liuetenaunte there, that ſuch departynge be taken deemed & adiudged felony. And yͤ he ſo offendinge, ſuffre for the ſayd offence puniſhment and execution of felony. And foraſmuch as his offence ſtretcheth to the hurt & ieopardy of yͤ kinge our ſoueraine lorde, yͤ nobles of the realme, & of all the cōmon weale therof, that therfore he or they ſo offēding (not being withī orders of holy church) enioy not the benefite of his clergy. And that it be ordeyned by the ſayde auctority, that the Juſtices of the peace of euery ſhyre of Englande, where any ſuch offenders be takē, haue power to enquere of the ſayde offences & the ſame to heare & determine, as they do & may do of felonies, treſpaſſes-

and other offences expreſſed in the kinges commiſſion to theym made, as though the ſayd offences were done in the ſame ſhyre. And alſo that the ſayde departynge of ſuch ſouldiours, and alſo theyr reteynours, if it be trauerſed, be tryed in the ſame ſhyre, where they bee for ſuch cauſes arreſted & arraygned.

Prouided alwaye that no captayne be charged by this acte for lacke of his nomber reteyned, as is aboueſayde, whoſe ſouldiours ſhall happen to dye, or otherwyſe depart not in the default of the captayne, ſo that the ſaid captayne, if hee bee at lande wages, ſhewe the departyng or lacking of his ſouldiour within x. dayes after the lackyng of the ſayd ſouldiour, vnto the kings lieuetenant there & to yͤ treaſourer of the warres. Or if the captaine be at the ſea wages, if he ſhew the departing or lacking of the ſouldiour ſo lacking, to the admiral of the nauy, where he is receyued at yͤ next meting wyth the ſayd admiral. Prouided alway that this acte extend not to any captaynes or ſouldiours, that now be or hereafter ſhalbe reteyned wythin the townes of Caleis, Hammes and Guiſnes, Riſebanke, Berwike and Wales, or anye of them, and the marches of the ſame.

Prouided alway that this acte be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to yͤ ſaid captaynes petie captaynes nor any other, hauynge vnder them retinue of ſouldiours, nor any of them, for none paymēt of the kings wages to their houſeholde ſeruauntes and other, to whom they ſhall daily fynd and giue meate and drincke during the ſayd ſeruice of warre.

An acte concerning true makyng and drappyng of wollen clothes. Cap. vj.

FOr the deceptfull drappynge and makinge of wollen clothes made and draped wythin this realme, & alſo for meſuryng in ſale of the ſame, our ſouereygne lorde the kyng, by the aduyſe & aſſent of his lords ſpyritual and temporal, & the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, & by auctority of the ſame, hath ordeyned, eſtabliſhed & enacted diuers ordinaũces & ſtatutes for the true making & drappyng of ſuch wollen clothes and for meaſuring in ſales the true cõtent of the ſame, in maner & fourme folowyng. Fyrſt that the woll, which ſhalbe deliuered for or by the clothier to any perſon or perſõs for breaking, kimbing, carding, or ſpinninge of the ſame, the deliuery therof ſhalbe by euen, iuſt and true poyſe and weyght of haberdipoyſe, ſealed by auctoritie, not excedyng in weight after the rate of xii. pounde wolle ſeimed aboue one quarter of a pounde for the waſte of yͤ ſame wolle, and in none other maner. And that the breaker or kember to deliuer agayne to the ſayd clothier the ſame wollen ſo broken and kempt, and the carder and ſpinner to deliuer agayne to the ſame clothier yerne of the ſame wolle by the ſame euen iuſt and true poyſe and weight (the waſt therof excepted) without any part therof conceling, or any more oyle, water, or other thing put thereunto deceiuably vpon peine to be ſet vpon the pillorie, or the cucking ſtoole, man or woman as the caſe ſhal requyre, vpon due proofe of ſuch deceite afore and by the diſcretion of the mayre, baily or other head officer of Cittie, borough or towne, where yͤ deceit ſhall appere, the ſame mayre, bailie or heade officer, callinge to him ſuch perſons as ſhall ſeeme to him conuenient for the proofe of ſuch deceite.

Item that the weauer, which ſhall haue the weauinge of anye wollen yarne to be webbed into cloth, ſhal weaue, werke, and put into the webbe for cloth to be made thereof, as much and al the ſame yarne, as the clothier or any perſon for him ſhall deliuer to yͤ ſame weauer wyth his vſed marke put to the ſame, without changing, or any parcell thereof leauinge oute of the ſame webbe, or to reſtore to the ſame clothier the ſurpluis of the ſame yarne, if any be left not put into the ſame webbe, ⁊ without any more oyle, brene, moiſture, duſte, ſand, or other thing deceyuable putting to or caſting to yͤ ſame webbe, vpon peine to be ſet vpō the pillory, by proofe, diſcretion, and in maner as is aforeſayd.

Item that no maner perſon bie any coloured wolle, or coloured wollē yarne of any carder, ſpinner, or weauer, but onely in open market, vppon peine to be ſet vpon the pillorie in maner aforeſayd.

Item that the walker and fuller ſhall truly walke full, thicke, ⁊ werke euery webbe of wollen yarne, which hee ſhall haue to walke, full, thicke, or werke, wythout any flockes, or any other maner deceite to be vſed within the ſame, and ſhal not rowe nor werke any clothe or webbe wyth any cardes on the right ſyde, nor on the wrōg ſyde, vpō peine to be ſet vpō the pillorie in maner afore reherſed.

Item that yͤ clothier, nor other perſon, what ſoeuer he be, after the feaſte of Midſomer next comming, ſhall not put any clothe to ſale, which whan it ſhalbe full wet, ſhall ſhrincke more than one yarde in all the length, ⁊ one quarter of a yarde in the bread, for the more part therof. And clothes called narow or ſtraites after yͤ rate, vpon peine to forfaite for euery cloth otherwyſe put to ſale iii.s.iiii.d. And beſyde yͤ to reducte of his price for yͤ ſame, to be rebated to the bier thereof as muche after the rate as the ſame cloth ſo otherwyſe put to ſale, being ful wet, ſhall ſhrincke more than a yarde of that it was in length, at the time of the ſame ſale, and as it being wet, ſhall want of the bread of one yarde, and iii. quarters of a yarde.

Item that the bier of wollen clothes (denizin or alien) after the biynge therof, ſhall not draw, nor cauſe to be drawen in length, nor ſtrayne, nor do to be ſtreyned in breadth yͤ ſame clothes nor any of them, by tētor or winch or by any other meane, vpon peine of forfaiture for euery of yͤ ſame clothes, ſo to be drawen or ſtrayned C.s.

Prouided alway, that if ſuch bier of clothes, for profe, cauſe ſuch clothes to be full wet, he may drawe ⁊ ſtreine them for eueninge of them onely, ſo that excede not one yard in length more thā it ſhalbe whā it ſhalbe ful wet.

Item that no maner perſon, what degre or condiciō ſoeuer he be of, werke or put vpon any wollen clothes any flockes, or other deceiuable thing, vpō peine to forfaite for euery clothe, ſo wrought deceiuably with flockes, or other deceiuable thinge xl.s. and beſide that to bee ſet vppon the pillorie, in maner and forme afore reherſed. Item that no maner perſon or perſōs, denizen nor alien ſhall not drawe nor ſtraine, nor do to be drawen nor ſtrayned within this realme, nor any of the parties beyond the ſea, any wollen clothes, of the makinge and drapinge within this realme, in length nor in brede, more nor in other maner than is aforeſaid, nor after the ſaide feaſt of Midſommer, ſende or conuey, nor cauſe to be ſente or conueyed into any of the parties of beyonde the ſea, there to put to ſale, anye wollen clothes of yͤ making or drapinge of this realme, drawen & ſtrayned in length or breede, more than is afore rehearſed, after the rate of xxiiij. yards for a brode clothe vpon paine to forfaite for euery cloth ſo more drawen & ſtreined in lengthe and brede, than is aforeſaide xx.li. Item that no maner perſon, denizen nor other, bie or ſell any wollen clothes by other meaſure more or leſſe, than after the true content therof to be moten & meaſured by the yarde, adding to euery yarde one inche of the rule of the true meaſuring for the contente of the ſame clothes, vppon paine to forfaite for euery cloth to the contrary meaſured C.s. Item that euery clothier, and other perſon, which ſhall put or deliuer to any perſon any wolle to breake, kembe, carde, or ſpinne, or yerne to weauers to webbe, or the webbe to the fullers to full, walke, & thicke, ſhall withoute deceite or male engine, ſatiſfie content and pay to the ſame breker, kember, carder, ſpinner, weauer and fuller for the ſame theyr labour and workemanſhip redie money of the kings coyne, without to deliuer for paimente of ſuch labour or workemanſhip, or any parte thereof in wares or vitailes, vpon paine to forfaite for euery default in that he or they ſhal deliuer for ſuch paiment for ſuch labour and workemanſhip, any wares or vitayle x.s.

Item that the aluager or ſealer after the ſaide feaſt of Midſomer nexte cōminge, reaſonably required, ſhall put to euery wollen clothe, made & draped within the circuite or precincte of his office to be ſolde, the kinges ſeales of lead, and not put to any ſuch clothes any ſeales of ware in any wiſe, vpon paine of forfaiture for euery clothe ſealed otherwiſe thā with lead iij.s.iiij.d. The one moitie of all the ſaid forfaitures, conteyned in all the ſaide ordinaũces, made for making & draping of wollen clothes, & for the meaſuring therof, to be to our ſoueraigne lord the king, & to euery perſon, which will & ſhal ſue by writ bill or other action in that behalf againſt any perſon doing to the contrary of the ſame ordinaũces, thother moitie. And that the defendant in any plea vpon any ſuch action, be not admitted to wage his law, nor any protection nor eſſoyne for any ſuch defendaunts be alowed in the ſame. The ſaid actes & ordinaunces to endure to the next parliamente. And bee it furthermore ordeyned and enacted, by the aduiſe and auctority aforeſaid, that the king our ſoueraigne lord, or any other perſons, take not any aduauntage or profite of any penalties or forfaitures by an act made in the parliament holden at weſtminſter the xxiiii. day of January, in the fyrſt yere of the reigne of Richard the third, late in deede and not in righte king of England, concerning the making and drapynge of wollen clothes geuen, limitted or aſſigned for any cloth made or hereafter to be made, but onely accordinge to the ſayd ordinaunces and ſtatutes now made in this preſent parliament, any acte ſtatute ordinaunce or prouiſion to the contrary heretofore made notwythſtanding.

Prouided alway yͭ this acte extende not to wollen clothes, called kendals, nor clothes called carpenel whites, cōmonly made for lining for hoſē. And prouided alſo yͭ this act extend not to wollen clothes called toſtocks, made in the countye of Deuonſhyre, for medling flockes wyth theyr woll, ſo they make the ſame clothes onely of wolle growinge in the countye of Deuonſhire and of none other wolle, ſo that they drawe nor ſtrayne the ſame clothes more, nor in other maner than is aforeſayd.

Prouided alſo that this acte or any penaltye or article therin conteyned, extende not ne in any wyſe be hurtfull or preiudiciall to any clothmakers, for making of any cloth wythin the county of Cornewal, but that all cloth makers wythin the ſame countie, may make cloth ⁊ vſe cloth makinge as they before the making of this act haue vſed ⁊ accuſtomed: this act or any thing therein conteyned not withſtanding. Prouided alſo that this acte extend not or be preiudicial of or to yͤ maker marchaunt or bier of any wollen clothes, called baſtards, made with cremill liſtes.

An acte concerning wollen clothes to be full wrought, barbed, rowed and ſhorne, er they be caryed out of this realme. Cap.vii.

Where at the parliamēt holdē at weſtminſter the ix. day of Nouēber, the thyrd yere of the reigne of our late ſoueraine lord king Hēry yͤ vii. (whoſe ſoule God pardō) it was ſhewed by ſhermē fullers ⁊ other artificers, that ſhould liue and obtayne their nedie ſuſtētacion by meane of drapery, made and draped within this realme, as well throughoute he ſame realme as within the cittie of London, that where as in a ſtatute made the vii. yere of the reigne of king Edward the iiii. amōges other it was cōteyned, yͭ no perſō (denizē nor ſtraūger) ſhould cary, or do to be caryed to any partyes beyōd the ſea, any wollē yarne nor cloth vnfulled, but yͤ wollē yarne to be made in this realm, ſhould be wouē in the ſame, ⁊ alſo al cloth, wͭin the ſame made ſhold be fulled ⁊ fully wrought wͭin the ſame, before yͭ any of the ſame ſhould be had or caryed out of this realme, vpō peine of forfayture of yͤ very value of ſuch yarne not wouen, ⁊ cloth not fulled, had or caryed out of this realme. The one halfe of yͤ ſame forfaiture to be leuied to the vſe of yͤ king, ⁊ the other halfe to him or them yͭ ſhould eſpie or make proue of any ſuch yarne not wouen, or clothe not fulled, caried to any place beyōd the ſea. And forasmuch as in the ſayd ſtatute of king Edward there is none expreſſe mēcion made, yͭ the ſaid clothes ſhould be rowed and ſhorne before that they be caried & cōueied out of this realme, wherby the ſaid poore cōmons of the craftes aforeſaid mighte be ſet in labour & occupacion: therfore the ſaid clothes then wear & yet ben in great numbre & plentie caried & conueied out of this realme vnrowed, and vnſhorne, into the parties of beyonde the ſea, aſwell by denizens as by ſtrangers wherby outlandiſh nacions with the ſame drapery ben ſet to labour and occupacion, to their grate enriching, & the pore commons of the craftes aforeſaid through all this realme, which of naturall reaſon as the kinges true liege men ſhould haue and obtaine their nedy ſuſtentacion & liuinge by meanes of the ſame draperie for lacke of ſuch occupacion, dayly fall in greate numbre into idelneſſe, and pouertye, to their vttermoſt dyſtruction, if it ſhould than any longer continue. wher vppon our ſaid ſoueraigne lorde kynge Henry the .vii. by thaduiſe of his lordes ſpirituall and temporall and at the praiers of the commons in his ſaid parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritye of the ſame ordayned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, that no ſtranger nor denizen ſhould cary, or make to be caried out of this realm any wollen clothes, but that they before be barbed, rowed, & ſhorne within the ſame realme, for the reliefe and ſettinge aworke of the ſaide pore commons of the craftes aforeſaid vppon peine of the forfayture limitted in the ſayd ſtatute of kyng Edward, made vppon cloth caried out of this realm not fulled, to be deuided in maner & forme as in the ſame ſtatute is contained. So that clothe called veſſes, raies, ſayling clothes, & all other clothes cōmonly ſolde at .xl. s. or vnder be not cōpriſed in yͤ ſayd act, made the ſaid thirde yere of the raygne of our ſaid late ſoueraigne lord kynge Henry the vii as by yͤ ſame acte more plainly appeareth. And for lacke of due execuciō of the ſaid actes, litle effecte or profit hath folowed or growen of the ſame to the ſame poore craftes men, beyng naturall ſubiectes, which for lacke of worke and occupacion daily fal in idelnes & pouertye. Be it therfore ordained eſtabliſhed and enacted by the kinge our ſoueragne lorde, and yͤ lordes ſpiritual and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſēbled, & by auctoritee of the ſame that yͤ ſaid actes and ordinances may ſtād and continue in theyr full ſtrengh and vertue. And that they from henſforth bene dulye put in execucion, accordinge to the tenour purport and effect of the ſame and of either of them. And that euery perſon, that will ſue for the ſame forfaytures, be admitted to his action of dett, by bill or information in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, where the ſame may be determined after the courſe of yͤ cōmon law, & that yͤ defendant in ſuch behalf in no wiſe be admitted to wage his law, nor that any protectiō or eſſoine be in the ſame allowable: Neuertheleſſe for that the draping & making of ſuch clothes, cauled veſſes, raies, ſailing clothes, & other clothes, which tyme of making of the eſtatute of king Henry the ſeuenth were commonly ſolde at .xl. s. or vnder, the maker thereof and clothyer of tymes paſſed and now is and hereafter is lyke to be at greater charge, about the drapyng and making of the ſame, and alſo of all other clothes, for the wolle is of farre greater price, and alſo the coſtes and charges for the workemãſhip of ſuch clothes is farre more chargeable, thã it was at yͤ tyme of makinge of the ſaid eſtatute. Be it therfore prouided by yͤ auctority aforeſaid that clothes called veſſes, raies, ſayling clothes, and other clothes now cõmonly ſolde at foure markes or vnder, be not compriſed in this or any of the ſaid actes, but may be caried and conueyed out of this realme into the partye of beyonde the ſea, not barbed rowed nor ſhorne, this or any yͤ ſayd actes not withſtanding.

An acte repelling the act made at yorke for ſellyng of vittailes by head officers. Cap.viii.

Where in the parliament of king Edward, ſonne of king Edwarde, holden at yorke, in the .xii. yere of his reigne amonges other thinges, it was accorded and enacted, that no miniſter in citye or boroughe, which by reaſon of his office ought to kepe aſſiſes of wynes & vittayles, as long as he ſhould be attendant to that office, ſhould marchaunte wines or vittayles in groſſe, or at retayle, vpon certaine paine limitted & expreſſed in the ſaid ſtatute, as in the ſame more plainly doth apeare. Sithen the making of which ſtatute and ordinaunce, many and the moſt part of all the cities, boroughes and townes corporat with in this realme of England be fallen in ruine and decay, and not inhabited with marchauntes and men of ſuch ſubſtance, as thei were at the tyme of the makyng of the foreſayd ſtatute and ordinaunce: for at this daye the dwellers and inhabytauntes of the ſame Cytyes, and boroughes be moſte commonlye, bakers, brewers, vintners, fiſhemongers, and other vyctaylers, and fewe or none other perſones of ſubſtaunce bee within many of the ſayde cytyes, boroughes, and townes, corporate other then the foreſayde vittaylers, at this daye able and ſufficyent to beare office within the ſame, and to contente, aunſwear and paye vnto the kynges grace his fee ferme, wherewith they be charged. In conſideracion whereof, and for the eaſe, comforte, and reliefe of the foreſayd pore cityes, boroughes and townes corporate, and of the inhabitauntes of the ſame: Be it ordayned eſtabliſhed and enacted by the kinge our ſoueraigne lorde, by the aduiſe of his lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritye of yͤ ſame, that whan ſoeuer and as often as any vittailer is choſen to beare any office within any citye borough, or towne corporate, which for the time that he ſhal ſtand and be in ſuch office, ſhould haue the aſſiſing and correction for ſellynge of vittayls, that than twoo diſcrete and honeſte perſons of the ſame city boroughe or towne corporate, not beyng vittailers, ne any of them beynge a vittailer, ſhall be choſen by the comminaltye of the ſame citye, boroughe, or towne corporate in lyke fourme as the ſayd officer ſhallbe choſen, which two perſons, wyth the ſayde officer, ſhall be ſworne truely to ceſſe and ſet the prices and aſſiſes of victayle there, for the time that any ſuch victayler ſhall abide in his ſaide office. And that than it ſhalbe lawfull to all and euery of the ſayde officers, after the ſame victailes be ſet and ceſſed by yͤ ſame officer and the ſayde .ij. perſons, or one of the ſame .ij. perſons, the other beinge abſent, to marchaunte and ſell wynes, and all other victaile in groſſe and at retaile, duryng the time that he ſhall be in any ſuche office, without any thynge therfore to forfaite. The ſayde ſtatute acte and ordinaunce, or any other acte or actes, ordinaunce, or ſtatute to the contrarye made in any wiſe notwithſtandynge.

Prouyded alway that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, extende not to diſcharge any miniſter of the cities of London, Yorke and Couētre, nor none of them, for any wine or victaile to be ſolde by any retaile within any of the ſayd cities of London, Yorke, and Couentree.

¶ An acte againſte Mummers. Cap. ix.

FOr as muche as lately within this realme, diuers perſons haue diſguyſed and apparelled them, and couered theyr faces with vyſours or other thinges, in ſuch maner that they ſhould not be knowen, and diuers of thē in a companye together, naminge thē ſelues mūmers, haue cōmen to the dwelling place of diuers men of honour & other ſubſtanciall perſons, & ſo departed vnknowen, wherupon murthers, felony, rape, & other great hurtes & inconuenyences haue afore time growen, and hereafter be lyke to come by yͤ colour therof, if yͤ ſayd diſorder ſhould continue not reformed. wherfore be it ordeined & enacted by the king our ſoueraigne lorde, and by the lordes ſpirytuall and temporall and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritye of the ſame, that yf anye perſon hereafter dyſguyſe or apparell them with viſours, or other wyſe vppon theyr faces, and ſo diſguiſed or apparelled as mummers or perſons vnknowen, by reaſon of theyr apparell, aſſociate or accompany them together or apart, & attempte to entre, or entre into the houſe of any perſonne or perſonnes, or aſſaute or affrayes make vpon any perſon in the kynges hye way, or any other place, in forme aforeſayde diſguyſed, that than the ſaid mummers or diſgiſed perſons, and euery of them, ſhalbe areſted by any of the kinges liege people, as ſuſpectes or vacabundes, & be committed to the kinges gaole, there to be impriſoned by the ſpace of .iij. monethes without baile or mainpriſe, and than to make fine to the king by the diſcretion of the Juſtices, by whom they ſhalbe deliuered out of priſon. And alſo it is ordeined and enacted by the ſayd auctoritye, that if any perſon or perſōs ſell or keepe any viſours or viſour in hys houſe, or in any other place within this realme, after yͤ feaſte of Eaſter next comming, & after this act proclaimed, that the ſayd perſon (that keepeth the ſayde viſour or viſours)ſhall forfayt to the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde for euery viſour xx.s. And farther ſhall ſuffer impriſonmente,& make fine after the diſcretion of the Juſtices, afore whom he is therfore conuicted by examinacion, or by inquiſicion after the courſe of the commō law. And that yͤ Juſtices of the peace in theyr ſeſſions,& Juſtices of the goale deliuery,& all other the kinges Juſtices,haue auctority to enquyre, here, and determine all the premiſſes, as well by examination as by inquiſition, after the courſe of the common lawe. And this act to endure to the next parliament.

¶An acte for curriours to haue ſerche of leather. Cap.x.

IN their moſte humble wiſe ſhewen vnto your highnes,and to your moſte honorable counſell, youre poore ſubiectes and daily oratours,the wardeins & feloſhip of the craft of curryours within your citye of London that wher at diuers parliaments,holden as well in yͤ ſecond yere of one of your noble progenytours Kynge Henrye the.vj.as in the fyrſte and xix.yeres of the reigne of your moſt noble father of famous memory kynge Henry the.vij.dyuers ordinaunces and eſtatutes were made,enacted, and eſtabliſhed,that no tanner ſhoulde vſe or occupy the craftes of a cordwayner or corriour,neither no cordwainer ſhould vſe or occupy the craftes of a tanner or corriour: neither no corriour ſhould vſe or occupy the crafts of a tannar or cordwainer. And that any perſon,occupyinge any of theſe thre occupacions, whyle and as longe as he occupieth one of theym, not to occupy any of the other two, vpon dyuers peines conteined in the ſayd eſtatutes. And where as all maner of ſtraungers alientes, borne out of this your realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, caleis, or the marches of the ſame occupiynge the crafte or miſterye of cordweyner, dwellinge as well within the city of London,the fraunches of ſainct Katherines,ſainct Martens,and alſo in the ſuburbes of the ſame city,as in the towne of weſtminſter,the borough of Southwarke, and other places within and about the ſayde citye,vſe dayly to bye leather, as in Innes, corners, and other ſecret places,and not in the open market,where the aſſaye and ſeale for ſuch cauſes is kepte, that no dyſceiptfull ware, vnſufficiently wrought or tanned, ſhould be vttered to your liege people,but to be forfaited:whiche leather ſo diſceiptefully and inſufficiently tanned, and by the ſayde perſons of fraunchiſes and ſuburbes aforeſayde ſo boughte, the ſame perſons courrye and dreſſe in theyr owne houſes,and in other places by them ſecretly hired therfore, and for their ſinguler lucre and auantage ſell & vtter the ſame to your liege people,to the great damage and vniuerſall hurte and diſceite,as well of all other your liege people,as to your ſayd oratours,and hyther to vnpuniſhed, for as much as none acte ne ordynaunce extendeth vpon any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo franchiſed. In tender conſideration whereof, it maye pleaſe your ſayd highnes, by the aſſent and conſent of your ſayd lordes ſpi-

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rituall and temporall, and the cōmons at this preſent parliamēt aſſembled and by auctority of the ſame, to eſtabliſhe and enacte, that no ſtraunger alien, not borne wythin your ſayde realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Caleis, or the marches of the ſame, dwelling wythin ſuch fraunchiſes places or wythin the ſubburbes, or aboute other places of the ſayde cittie, bye or cauſe to be boughte to his or theyr vſe, any ſuch leather or wares in any ſecrete places, but only in the open market, where it may be ſeene, aſſayed, ſealed and abled good and ſufficiently tanned and corried, vnder the peyne of forfayture for euery hyde ſo bought vj.s.viii.d. The one halfe thereof to the kynge oure ſoueraigne lorde and the other halfe to the taker, finder, or ſhewer of the ſame. And alſo that from thēceforth the wardens of the ſaid felowſhip of corriours (for the time beinge) and theyr ſucceſſours, or theyr ſufficient deputye or deputies, duly and ſubſtancially aſſigned, maye haue ſearch, as wel wythin the felowſhippes of tanners, as the felowſhyppes of ſtraungers alientes occuppyinge the ſayd craft of cordwayners, and alſo in theyr owne proper crafte of corriours, dwellinge wythin the ſayde frauncheſes, ſubburbes, and other places, as is aboueſayde, for all maner ſuche leather inſufficiently tanned, ſealed & corryed, as often as they ſhal thincke conuenient. And the ſame leather ſo found in ſufficiente, to be forfayted, & the owner thereof to be committed to ward, there to remayne wythoute baile or maynepryſe by the ſpace of fyue dayes, and to paye for a fyne for euery time ſo offending xx.s. The one halfe of the ſayde money (ſo forfayted) to the king oure ſoueraygne lorde, and the other halfe of the ſayd money to the party that wyll ſue therefore. And if any perſon or perſonnes frauncheſed or vnfrauncheſed, of what degree ſoeuer he be, interrupte, let, or diſturbe the ſayde wardens of corriours, or their ſucceſſours, deputie, or deputies, to make due ſerche, in maner and forme aboueſayde: that then yͤ ſayd interrupters & letters thereof to be broughte to gaole or pryſon, there to remayne wythout baile or mainpryſe by the ſpace of x.dayes, and to pay for a fine xl.s. The one halfe thereof to the kinge our ſouerayne lorde and the other halfe to the ſayd fellowſhip of corriours and chamber of the ſayd cittie, to the vſe of the comminaltie of the ſame citie. And the lords of all yͤ fraūcheſes aforeſayde, and theyr ſucceſſours, euery of them to haue to their owne vſe all ſuch leather ſo forfayted wythin his owne fraunches, as oftē as any ſuch forfayture ſhall be found by the ſayd wardeynes, or theyr ſufficient deputie or deputies, in maner and fourme aboue reherſed. And the ſuite for the recouerie of the premiſſes, and euery part therof, to be by actiō of det. And that the defendaunt in any wyſe ſhall not wage his lawe, nor be by protection or eſſoyne, nor the party to be barred by the kinges pardō, nor be delayed by any plea to the diſablement of his perſon.

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An acte concerning the approbacion of Phyſitions and Surgeons. Cap.xi.

TO the king our ſoueraigne lord,and to all the lords ſpyrituall and temporal,and cõmons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled. Forasmuch as the ſcience and cũning of Phiſick ⁊ ſurgery(to the perfect knowledge wherof,be requiſite both great lerning ⁊ ripe experience) is daily within this realme exerciſed by a great multitude of ignoraunte perſõs:of whõ the great part haue no maner of in ſight in the ſame,nor in any other kinde of lerning,ſome alſo cã no letters on the booke,ſo farforth that cõmon artificers,as ſmithes,weauers,⁊ women boldlye ⁊ cuſtomably take vpon them greate cures ⁊ thinges of great difficulty:in the which they partly vſe ſorcery and witchcrafte, partly apply ſuch medicins vnto yͤ diſeaſe, as be very noyous and nothinge metely therefore,to the highe diſpleaſure of God,greate infamy to the faculty, and the greeuous hurte, damage and deſtruction of many of the kinges liege people: moſt ſpecially of them that cannot diſcerne the vncunning from cunning. Be it therfore(to the ſurety and comforte of all maner people)by auctoritie of this preſente parliament enacted,that no perſon within the cittie of London,nor wythin ſeuen myles of yͤ ſame, take vpon him to exerciſe ⁊ occupie as a Phyſition or Surgion,excepte he be fyrſt examined, approued,and admitted by the biſhoppe of London, or by the deane of Paules,for the time being,calling to him or them foure doctours of Phiſicke,⁊ for ſurgery,other experte perſonnes in that facultie, and for the fyrſte examinacion ſuch as they ſhall thincke conuenient,and afterward alway foure of them that haue bene ſo approued,vpon yͤ payne of forfayture,for euery moneth that they do occupie as Phiſicions or ſurgeõs,not admitted nor examined after the tenour of this acte,to v.li.to be employed the one halfe thereof thuſe of oure ſoueraine lord the king,⁊ the other half therof to any parſon that wil ſue for it by action of det,in which no wager of law nor protection ſhalbe alowed. And ouer this, that no perſon out of the ſayd cittie and precinct of vij.miles of the ſame,except hee haue ben(as is aforeſayde)approued in the ſame take vpon him to exerciſe and occupie as a phiſicion or ſurgion, in any dioceſe within this Realme,but if hee bee firſt examined and approued by the biſhop of the ſame dioceſe,or he being out of the dioces, by his vicar general:eyther of them calling to them ſuch expert perſons in the ſayd faculties as theyr diſcretion ſhal thincke conuenient, and geuing theyr letters teſtimonials vnder their ſeale to him that they ſhal ſo approue,vpon like peine to them that occupie contrary to this act(as is abouesaid)to be leuied and employed after the forme before expreſſed.

Prouided alway,that this acte nor any thinge therein conteined,be preiudicial to the vniuerſities of Oxford and Cambridge or eyther of them,or to any priuiledges graunted to them.

An acte concerning the reformacion of impanels for the king. Cap.xii.

Where as great extorcions and oppreſſions be and haue ben within the more party of all the countyes & ſhyres within this realme of Englande, by the ſubtilty & vntrue demeanour of ſheriffes and theyr miniſters, committed and done vnto many perſons in great nomber of yͤ kinges ſubiects, by meane and making and returning at euery ſeſſions holden wythin the ſayd coũties and ſhyres for the body of the ſhyre, in takynge and putting in and retourning of names of ſuch perſonnes, as for the ſinguler aduauntage, benefite and gayne of the ſayd ſheriffes and theyr Myniſters wyll be wilfully forſworne and periured, by the ſiniſter labour of the ſayd ſheryffes and theyr myniſters: by reaſon whereof many and diuers ſubſtanciall perſons (the kynges true ſubiectes) contrary to good equity and ryghteouſnes, haue diuers tymes & many, wrõgfully ben indited of diuers murders, felonies, & other miſbehauour, by theyr couin and falſeheade, to the vtter vndoinge of theyr lyues, loſſe of theyr goodes and theyr landes: by reaſon wherof they and euery of them, in aduoydinge the vntrue trouble and vexacion, which to them might come and enſue by reaſon and occaſyon of the ſame falſe inditements, and alſo ſometime by labour of the ſayd ſheriffes diuers great felonyes and murders conceled, and by the ſayd perſons: Alſo by the ſayde ſheriffes and theyr myniſters parcially retourned not preſented, bee & haue ben compelled to make fines and geue rewardes to the ſayd ſheriffes and theyr myniſters. Wherefore bee it enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the kyng our ſoueraigne lord, and by the aſſent of the lordes ſpyrituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſente parliamente aſſembled, and by auctority of the ſame, that all panelles to be retourned, which be not at the ſuite of any party, that ſhal be made and put in by euery ſheryffe & their myniſters afore any Juſtice of gaole deliuerie or Juſtice of peace, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, in theyr open ſeſſions to enquere for the kynge, ſhall be refourmed by putting to and taking oute of the names of the perſons, which ſo be enpanelled by euery ſheriffe & theyr myniſters, by the diſcretion of the ſame Juſtices, before whom ſuche panelles ſhalbe returned. And that yͤ ſame iuſtice and Juſtices ſhall cõmaund euery ſheriffe, & their miniſters in his abſẽce, to put other perſons in the ſame panel by theyr diſcretions: and that the ſame panels ſo refourmed by the ſaide Juſtices, be good and lawful. And yͭ if any ſheriffe, or anye theyr myniſter, at any time do not retourne the ſame panels ſo refourmed: that thã euery ſuch ſheriffe or myniſter ſo offendinge, for euery ſuch offence ſhall forfaite xx.li. ſterlinge money of England: the one halfe thereof to our ſoueraygne lord the kinge or his heyres, and the other halfe thereof to him or theym of his ſubiectes that will ſue for the ſame by action of dette at the common lawe, or bill, or complaynte, where it ſhall fortune any ſuch to fall and be: and that none eſſoyne ne protection be allowed for the defendant or defendauntes in that action or plaintes, nor that the ſayde defendaunt nor defendauntes therein be admitted to wage theyr lawe. And that the kings pardon ſhall bee no barre agaynſt the party and parties in the ſame, that any ſuch actions ſhall ſue.

An acte adnulling ſhooting in croſbowes. Cap.xiii.

WHere in the xix. yeare of the reigne of our late ſouereigne lord king Henry the vii. for vſynge of longe bowes, and encreaſe of archers, which is and hath ben a great ſurety and defence of this Realme, it was enacted, that no perſon wythin this realme, of what condicion or degre he were of, except he were a lord, or that he might ſpend of landes and tenementes of freeholde to the yerely value of CC. markes aboue the charges, or els had the kinges ſpeciall lycence vnder his placarde, ſigned and ſealed wyth his priuie ſeale or ſignet, ſhould occupie or ſhoote in any croſbowe wythin this Realme, but onely for lawful defence of his houſe, vppon diuers peynes expreſſed in the ſayd ſtatute. And ſince the ſayde ſtatute made, ſo many men haue obteyned licence to ſhoote in croſſebowes by placardes, made by the ſayde late kinge, and by the king our ſoueraygne lord that now is. And many men pretending to haue landes and tenementes to the yerely value of CC. markes, ſhoote daily in croſbowes, ſo that ſhooting in croſſebowes is litle or nothinge adminiſhed ſince the ſayd ſtatute, but rather increaſed. Be it therfore ordeyned by auctority of this preſent parliament, that the ſaid ſtatute made the ſayd xix. yere, ſtand in his force, and be executed in euery article thereof, except that all placardes of licence, for ſhooting in croſſebowes, made by the ſayd late king, or by the king our ſouerayne lord, afore the fyrſt day of this preſent parliament, be voyde. And that no perſon, if he be a lorde, or haue lands or tenementes of freeholde or other to his vſe, to the yerely value of CCC. markes, ouer al charges, ſhoote in any croſbowe, otherwyſe than in the ſayd act is expreſſed for defence of his houſe. And that the penalties in the ſayd ſtatute compryſed for ſuch perſons hauing lands or tenements is to the yerely value of CC. markes, for ſuffring of theyr ſeruaunts to ſhote in croſbowes, otherwyſe than to aſſay his mayſters bowes, or to vnbend the ſame, extend to the ſayd perſons, that may expende CCC. markes, and all other penaltyes compryſed in the ſame ſtatute.

¶ An acte concerninge vnlawfull oyles to be ſerched and ſeene, that they be good and lawfull. Cap. xiiij.

PRaien your highnes the cōmons in this preſent parliament aſſēbled, that where as diuers maner of oyles bene brought into this realme, aſwell into yͤ citye of London, as to diuers other places within yͤ ſame realme, which be dayly vſed and miniſtred aſwell for mans ſuſtenaūce and comfort, as for neceſſaries for drapinge of wollen clothes, and for other dyuers neceſſaryes, vſed for the weale of your ſubiectes, ⁊ for lacke of good ouerſight ſerch and correction of ſuche oyles manye ſimple perſons (biers of the ſayde oyles to ſell after warde) falſely and deceiuably by crafty meanes do mixe and alter the ſame oyles from their former nature and goodnes, to the greate loſſe, ieoperdy, daunger, ⁊ deceit of your ſubiectes, wherfore be it by your highneſſe, by thaduiſe ⁊ aſſent of your lordes ſpirituall ⁊ temporall ⁊ of your cōmons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritye of the ſame ordeined, enacted and eſtabliſhed, that the maire of the city of London, for the tyme beynge, with the maiſter and wardeins of yͤ miſterye or crafte of Tallougchaundelers of the ſame city for the time beinge, ſhall from henceforth haue full power and auctoritye to ſerche al maner of oyles broughte into the ſayd city of London to be ſolde, in whoſe handes ſoeuer they be or ſhalbe founde, and that as often as the caſe ſhall require. And that yͤ ſayd mayre, with the ſayd maiſter and wardens of the ſayde miſtery or crafte of talloughchaundelers, for the time beinge, ſhall truely ſerche ⁊ ouerſee, that the ſame oyles to be put to ſale, be not mixt nor altered frō their right kyndes, but that they be good ⁊ lawfull as they ought to be. And that it ſhall be lawfull to yͤ ſayd mayre, with the ſayde maiſter ⁊ wardeins for yͤ tyme beinge, to damme, auoyde, and vtterly to caſt away all ſuch oyles as they ſhall fynde defectiue, or falſely or deceiuably mixed and altered from theyr right kindes, as is aforeſayd, without any let or perturbance of any perſō or perſons whatſoeuer they are, or ſhalbe. And alſo the ſaide maire, maiſter, ⁊ wardeins to commit ſuch perſon or perſons, as ſhalbe founde defectiue for vſinge of ſuch diſceipt or crafte, to warde, and to puniſh him or them therefore by theyr dyſcretions, accordynge to the lawes and cuſtomes within yͤ ſayd citye or liberty of London vſed, had and made of and for other miſdoers, and offenders in the ſayde citye. And be it farther enacted by yͤ ſayde aucthority, that the mayre in euery citye borough, and towne within this realme, where a Mayre is (for the time beinge) or the gouernour or gouernours or rulers of euerye other Cytye, Boroughe and Towne corporate within this realme alſo for the time beinge, ſhall haue within theyr Juryſdyction, lybertye and fraunchiſe, euery of them like auctoritye and power to make and do like ſerche, order, direction, correction, puniſhemente, and execution of the ſame, of for and vppon all Oyles beynge defectiue, or dyſceiuably or falſly myxed and altered, by any perſon or perſons within theyr liberties and fraunchese, in maner and fourme as is afore reherſed, as the ſayd maire, maiſters, and wardeines of yͤ ſayd city of London, by this preſent acte haue or might haue, of, for, or vppon any oyle ſolde or to be ſolde within the ſayde Citye of London.

¶ An acte concerninge the makinge of cappes and hattes. Cap. xv.

WHere by the workers and makers of cappes and hattes within this realme of Englande, haue dayly occupied and ſet on worke in making of cappes and hattes of the kinges naturall ſubiects that is to ſay, men, women, maidens, and chyldren (borne within this realme of Englande) to the greate reliefe and comforte of poore pryſoners within this realme, to the nombre of thre ſcore thouſand perſons and aboue, in cardinge, ſpinning, ſtitching, knitting, thickinge, dreſſynge, dying, ſheryng, and preſſyng, with other certain feates concerning the workinge and makinge of cappes and hattes, made and wrought within the citye of London, and in diuers and many other cities, boroughes & townes within this realme, whereby the kynges ſubiectes here naturallye borne, haue had theyr poore liuing time out of mind, till of late yeres, paſt that ſo great abundance of cappes and hattes (redy wrought and made) haue bene and dayly be brought from the parties of beyonde the ſea into this realme, and heare haue bene and dayly bene vttered and ſolde, to the great profit, occupying, encreaſe, and reliefe of ſtraungers of other realmes, whiche had and haue the workyng and makynge of the ſame cappes and hattes: And to yͤ great idelnes, enpoueriſhyng, and vtter vndoyng of great multitude of the kinges naturall ſubiectes, borne within this ſayd realme. By reaſō wherof the kinges ſubiectes, borne within this ſayde realme, haue not theyr poore liuyng, nor be not occupied, nor ſet on worke in making of cappes and hattes, as they were wonte to be. By occaſion wherof they fall to idelnes and other inconueniences, to begginge, and manyfolde ſickneſſe, to the greate impoueriſhment of the commons of this realme.

In conſideration of the premiſſes, be it ordeined, enacted, and eſtablyſhed, by the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctority of yͤ ſame: that from the firſt day of May next cōminge, there be no cappes nor hattes, made and redy wrought in any partye beyonde the ſea, bought by any of the kynges ſubiectes, borne vnder the kynges obeyſaunce, excepte lordes or knightes, vppon peyne of forfaiture of euery ſuche cappe or hatte ſo by thē or any of them bought. xl. s. the one moity of the ſame forfaiture to be to the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde, & the other moity to him or them that will ſue for the ſame by action of dette or otherwiſe, in whiche action the party defendant ſhall not be admitted to wage his law, nor protection nor eſſoine to be allowed in the ſame action. Furthermore be it enacted by the ſayde auctoritye, that no capper nor hatter, nor other perſone, ſell nor put to ſale any hat or cappe that ſhalbe made within this realme, after yͤ feaſt of midſomer next cõmyng,but that it be ſufficiently wrought,and of a ſufficient colour in euery point after the goodnes and fines of the woll, wherof they ſhalbe made, vpon peine of forfayture of euery cappe or hat ſo ſolde vj.s.viij.d. And that the capper, nor none other perſon, ſhall not take by him ſelfe or any other perſon to his vſe,for any cap made of the fineſt Leeminſter wooll,aboue.iij.s.iiij.d.nor for any cap made of yͤ ſeconde ſorte of the ſame Leeminſter wooll aboue .ij.s.vj.d. nor for any cappe made of the thirde ſorte of Leeminſter wooll aboue.xx.d. nor for any cappe made of the fourth ſort of the ſame Leeminſter wooll aboue.xij.d.And that no capper, hatter nor any other perſon,ſhall not take by him ſelfe, or any other perſon to his vſe,for any cap made of the fineſt Cotteſwolde wooll aboue.ij.s.nor for any cap made of the ſeconde ſorte of the ſame Cotteſwolde wooll aboue xvj d.And that all other cappes & hattes of other wooll,to be ſolde at ſuch price as the bier and ſeller may reaſonably agree.The cap made of the ſayd fineſt Leeminſter wooll to be marked with this marke in the lining of the ſame cappe with a letter L.the cap made of the ſecond ſort of the ſame Leeminſter wooll,to be marked with thys marke L.R. The cap made of the fineſt Cotteſwolde woll,to be marked with a letter C.in the lining therof. And the cap made of the ſeconde ſorte of Cotteſwolde wooll,to be marked wich this marke.C.R.And the hatter capper nor other perſon by him ſelfe nor any other perſon to his vſe,ſhall take of any of the kinges ſubiectes,for any hatte of the beſt making,not ingrained,more than.ii.s.And if any capper,hatter or other perſon take more money for any cappe or hatte, contrary to this acte,he to forfaite for euery cappe and hat,for which he ſhall take more than is afore reherſed.xl.s. The moity therof to be to the kynge oure ſoueraigne lorde: And the other moity to the party greeued, or any other perſon that would ſue for the ſame forfaiture by writ, bill,or plainte at the cõmon law,or after the cuſtome of the citie or towne,wher it ſhall fortune ſuch forfayture to be, by like proceſſe as is vſed in actions of det,in courte where it ſhalbe purſued.And that the defendant in that behalf be not admitted to wage his lawe,nor that any protection or eſſoyne be to him allowed.And that al and ſinguler eſtatutes heretofore made concerning hattes or cappes, be from henceforth repelled and adnulled by vertue of this preſent parliament.

C.ij.

God Saue the Kinge.

ANNO QVINTO HENRICI VIII.

The Kynge our ſoueraygne lorde Henrye the viij. after the conqueſt, by the grace of God king of England and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parlyamente holden at Weſtminſter the xxiij. daye of Januarye, in the ſixte yere of his moſt noble reygne, after the prorogation to the honour of God and holye churche, and for the common weale & profite of this his realme, by the aſſent of the lords ſpiritual and temporall, & the commons in thys preſente parliament aſſembled, & by aucthoritye of the ſame, hath, doo, to be ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine ſtatutes and ordynaunces in maner and fourme folowing.

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An acte concerning miniſtracion of Juſtice to the kinges ſubiectes of his city of Turney. Cap. i.

WHere as the kinge our ſoueraigue lorde greatly deſyryng to recouer the realme of Fraunce, his very trewe patrimonye and inheritaunce, and to reduce the ſame to his obeiſance, and for the ſame purpoſe and intente lately made preparacions of great royal armies aſwel by ſea as by lande, to his ryght great and merueylous coſtes and charge, And ſithen that by his greate wyſedome and ſingular policie hath nowe reduced the cityes and townes of Tyrewin and Turneie, to due obeiſaunce: by reaſon whereof nowe ſhall folow & enſue greate amitye, familiaritee & entercours in bienge & ſellinge marchaundiſes wares and otherwiſe betwene the citizens & inhabitants of the ſayd citees townes and precinctes of yͤ ſame, and yͤ kinges naturall ſubiectes inhabitauntes in this his realme of England. Therefore the king our ſouerayagne lorde willinge and intendinge. that trewe and indifferent Juſtice ſhalbe miniſtred in all matters and cauſes, as well to citizens and inhabitauntes dwellinge and inhabitynge in the ſame cities townes, and the precinctes of the ſame, as to his naturall ſubiectes dwellinge within this his realme of Englande: and to the ſame entente the kyng our ſoueraygne lorde hath deputed and ordayned in the ſayde citye and towne of Turnei, and in the bayliwike, and precincte of the ſame, diuers officers and miniſters, & amonge other two of them called Notaryes, otherwyſe called Graffers, to accept take and recorde the knowlage of all contractes bargaines cōuencions pactis and agrementes made and to be made within the ſayd citye and towne of Turnay, bayliwike, & precinct of the ſame, by all maner of perſones, that will and ſhall reſort and come before them to make knowlege of the ſame: which Notaries or Graffers ſhall preſente & deliuer in wrytting all ſuch knowlege, as ſhallbe ſo taken vnder their Notary ſignes vnto another officer of the ſame citee & towne, which our ſayd ſoueraigne lord hath there made and deputed to accept and take of theim the ſame: which officer for the more affirmaunce therof ſhall ſette thereto the ſeale of our ſouerayngne lorde, made and left in the kepynge of the ſame officer for the ſame intente. the kinge our ſoueraygne lorde by the aſſente of his lordes ſpirituall and temporall & the commons in this preſente parliament aſſembled and by auctoritye of the ſame hath ordayned & enacted, that vpon euery wrytting obligatorie and knowlage to be made of all contractes, bargaines, cōuencions, pactes, and agrementes, ſigned and ſealed in forme aboue reherſed, by any of the kinges ſubiectes inhabited in this realme of England to ani citezen or inhabitaunte within the ſaid city and towne of Turney, bayliwyke, or precincte of the ſame, or bye any citezen or inhabitaunte within the ſame citie, towne, bailiwyke, or precinct, to any other of the ſame, or els by any citezen, or inhabitaunte of the ſame citye, towne, bayliwike, or precincte to any of the kinges ſubiectes inhabyted within the realme of England, or by any of the kinges ſubiectes inhabited in the realme of englande, to another of the ſame ſubiectes ſhewed and exhibited to the chauncellour of Englande (for the tyme beynge) the ſame Chauncellour haue full auctoritee and power vpon the ſighte of the ſame, to ſende a ſergeaunt of armes or an other officer, to the perſone ſo boundẽ to requyre and cõmaund the perſon ſo bounden to perfourme the contentes of euery ſuch wryting obligatorie and knowledge. And if the ſame perſons ſo bounden, denie ſo to do, and obiect or alledge any cauſe why he ſhould not ſo do, that the ſame ſergeaunt or officer immediatly ſhal bringe the ſame perſon ſo bounden before the Chauncellour of Englande to aunſwere to the premiſſes. And if the perſon ſo bounden brought before the ſayd Chauncellour, obiect or allege any matter or cauſe reaſonable why he ſhould not perfourme the Contentes of the ſame writyng obilgatorye and knowlage, that than he ſhallbe adiudged to bringe in ſufficient gage and pledge to the very value of the contentes of the ſame wryting obligatorie into the kinges courte of Chauncery, or els to remayne in warde: And than the ſaid Chauncelour by his wiſdome and diſcretion ſhal prefixe. and aſſigne vnto him a conuenient peremptorie daye to proue his obiection and allegacion. And if the partye ſo bounden proue not his obiection and allegacion before the ſayd Chauncellour to be trewe before or at the ſaid day prefixed: that than ẏ ſaide partye ſo bounden without delaie ſhall perfourme the contentes of the ſayde obligacion, and knowledge, than not perfourmed, or els to forfait the ſaid gages ⁊ pledges to the party, to whõ the ſaid obligation or knowlage was made. And in lykewiſe vpon all recogniſaunces to be made before the kinge in his Chauncerye or in his bẽch or in any other the kinges courte of recorde within the realm of England. And alſo vpon al wrytinges obligatorie to be made ⁊ knowledged before the maire of the ſtaple of Calyce of all debtes, contractes, and bargaines by any of ẏ ſaid citezens or inhabitauntes of ẏ ſaid citie or towne of Turney or bailiwike or precincte of the ſame. to any of the kinges ſubiectes, and the ſame knowlage or wryting obligatorie be than certified to the bailiffe of the ſame citye and towne by the Chauncellour of Englande, vnder the kynges great ſeale of Englande, that than the baylye of the ſame citye and towne for the tyme beynge, or his deputye haue full auctority and power to ſend and ſhall ſende a ſergeaunt or other officer of the ſame citye ⁊ towne to ẏ perſon ſo bounden, to require and commaund the ſame perſõ ſo bounden to perfourme the contentes of ẏ ſame knowlage and wryting obligatorie. And if the partye ſo bounden denye ſo to do, and obiect and allege any cauſe why he ſhould not ſo do: That than the ſaid ſergeant or officer immediately ſhall bringe the perſon ſo bounden before the baylie of the ſayd citye and towne, for the tyme being. to anſwere to ẏ premiſes. And if ẏ perſõ ſo bounden ⁊ brought before the ſaide baylie obiecte ⁊ allege any matter or cauſe reſonable, why he ſhould not perfourm ẏ cõtẽts of ẏ ſame writinge obligatory & knowledge: that than he ſhalbe adiudged to bringe ſufficient gage & pledge to the very value of the contentes of the ſame writing obligatory or knowledge into yͤ court before the ſame bayly or his deputy, or els to remaine in warde, and then yͤ ſayde baily (or his deputye) by his wiſdome and diſcretion ſhall prefixe and aſſigne vnto him a conuenient peremptory daye to proue hys obiection and allegacion, and if the partye ſo bounden proue not his obiection and allegation before the ſaid baily or his deputy to be true, before or at the ſayd day prefixt, that than the ſayd party ſo boũden without delay ſhall performe the contentes of the ſayd writing obligatory and knowledge than not performed, or els to forfayte the ſayde gages and pledges to the partye, to whom the ſayde obligation or knowedge was made. This acte to endure duringe the kynges pleaſure.

¶ An acte concerninge true makinge of clothes in Deuon. called white ſtraites. Cap. ij.

Praien the cõmons and inhabytantes (clothmakers & biers of the ſame) within yͤ county of Deuonſhire, that where dyuers and many clothes, called white ſtraites, be & haue bene continually made within the ſayd county, to yͤ great profyt of the kinges ſubiectes there, the which clothes, were wont to be well and ſufficiently made, and beare theyr breade yarde brode & halfe quarter raw, and .xv. yardes of length, and that no man in times paſt hath vſed to make thẽ, but that the maker therof hath ſet his ſpecial marke vpõ euery of the ſaid clothes, ſo by him or them made, wherby euery man maye know their owne clothes from other mens by reaſon of their ſayd ſeuerall markes: ſo it is that now a daies the ſaid clothes be not ſufficiently made, ne beare their length and breade, according as they ſhoulde do, ne marked with euery mans owne marke, wherof great inconuenience doth daily inſue and encreaſe, to thenpoueriſhyng and hurting aſwel of the kinges ſubiectes biers and ſellers of the ſame, as marchãtes ſtrangers: wherefore the premiſſes conſidered, that it may be therfore enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lorde, by the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, & the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, & by the auctoritye of the ſame that from the feaſt of Pentecoſt next cõming no perſõ make ſuch clothes (called white ſtraites) to ſell, wythout that it be whan it is rawe redye to be toked, of yͤ breade of a yarde & half a quarter, and of length .xv. yardes. And that no perſon make ſuche clothes, but if he ſet his ſpecial marke vpon eueriche of the ſayde clothes ſo by him or theim made. And that no perſon vſe no marke on his clothes ſuche as any other perſon doth and hath vſed before him, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery of the ſaid clothes, the on half to the kinge, and the other halfe to hym that ſo ſeaſeth the ſayde clothes ſo made or marked contrary to the forme and effect afore expreſſed. And this acte to endure vnto the next parliament.

¶ An acte concerninge white wollen clothes of.v.markes and vnder,may be caried ouer the ſeas vnſhorne. Cap.iij.

WHere in this preſent parliamēt (before the fyrſt prorogation therof)it was ordeined and enacted, that no wollen clothe,aboue yͤ price of.iiij.markes ſhoulde bee conueyed ouer the ſea vnrowed vnbarbed,and vnſhorne,vpon certaine penalties in the ſame act expreſſed more at large,whiche act put in execution ſhal not onely turne to the abatementes of the kinges cuſtomes, but alſo grow to the vtter vndoyng of hys ſubiectes(clothmakers and marchantes)conueiers of the ſayde clothes.For aſmuche as wooll is riſen of a far greater price than it was at the makinge of the ſayd acte.For where a cloth was then commonly ſolde at.iiij.markes,is now ſolde for.v.markes.And alſo by force of the ſayd acte the marchants ſhould be bounde to dreſſe euery white cloth aboue the value of.iiij.markes on this ſide the ſea after they haue bought them,whiche white cloth(ſo dreſſed)whan they be brought into the partyes beyonde the ſea,and there by the biers of them,died and put in colours, than they muſt be newly dreſſed,barbed,ſhorne, and rowed, and ſo they ſhall be therby the leſſe in ſubſtance of theym ſelfe, and the worſe to the ſale, and ſolde for leſſe price by.x.or.xij.s.a peece beyonde the ſea than they ſhoulde be if they were vndreſſed,wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted by lyke aucthoritye,that euery white wollen cloth ſolde at.v.markes and vnder, may be caried and conueied into the parties beyonde the ſea,there to be ſolde at the pleaſure of the biers of the ſayd cloth,vnbarbed,vnſhorne,and vnrowed,any act or actes to the contrary made not withſtanding.And ouer this be it ordeined & enacted by the ſayd auctority,that if any perſon or perſons conuey or cauſe to be conueied into the parties beyonde the ſea any white wollen cloth vnrowed, vnbarbed & vnſhorne aboue the value of.v.markes in other forme than is aforeſayd,that than the perſon or perſons ſo offending, ſhall forfait the value of the ſayd cloth or clothes,ſo caried or conueied into the parties beyonde the ſea,the one moite of the ſame forfaiture to be to our ſayd ſoueraigne lorde the king, & the other moity to any ꝑſon yͭ will ſue for yͤ ſame, & that the defendāt in any plea vpō any ſuch action not be admitted to wage his lawe nor any proteccion or eſſoine for any ſuch defendant be allowed in the ſame.

¶ An act for auoydynge diſceites in worſtedes. Cap.iiii.

PRaien the cōmons in this preſent parliamēt aſſēbled,yͭ where as worſtedes,which ben truly made,ſhorne died & calēdred,as of old time haue ben accuſtomed to be made ſhorne died & calēdred,haue ben one of yͤ goodlieſt marchandiſe & greateſt cōmodity for this realme,& not onely worne wͭin this realme, but alſo much worne & vſed in other realmes.And ſo it is,yͭ now of late diuers ſtrangers beyond yͤ ſea haue taken vpon them to drie calender worſtedes wͭ gōmes oyles and preſſes,ſo that a courſe peece of worſtede, not being paſt the va.

lue of.xxvj.s.viij d. is and ſhall be made by their ſayde gūmes,oyles & preſſes to ſhewe like to the value of.xl.s or better. And if the ſame worſted ſo dry calendred,taketh any wete,incontinent it will ſhew ſpotty & foule and euer after continue ſtill foule & will not endure,to the great diſceipt & hurt of the wearers therof & no loſſe of the ſaide commodity:& for yͤ ſayd diſceites & falſenes,the ſayd calendringe is ſkorned & abhorred in the partyes beyond the ſea,ſo that no perſon do ne ſhall vſe in thoſe parties any ſuch worſtedes to dry calēdre. And alſo now of late yͤ ſayd ſtraūgers (called dry calēders are cōmen into this realme,& here within the ſame vſe the ſayd dry calendryng of worſted,to the great hurt of the ſayde cōmon weale and cōmodity of this realme aforeſayd. wherfore be it enacted,ordeined and eſtablyſhed by the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctority of the ſame, that no perſon ne perſons within this ſayde realme, hereafter do take vpon him or them to dry calendre any worſtede within this ſayd realme, vpon paine to forfaite for euery worſtede,that is ſo dry calendred,one C.s. And ouer that where as the ſayd olde calendringe of worſtedes,called wete calendrynge hath bene vſed well and ſubſtancially in times paſt in the city of Norwich and yet is by perſons hauing conninge in the ſame Be it therfore furthermore enacted, ordeyned & eſtabliſhed, by the auctoritye aforeſayde, that no perſon ne perſons hereafter do take vpō him or them to wete calendre any worſtede,but only ſuch perſons as haue bene bounde apprentiſes to other perſons of the ſame crafte or occupacion of wete calendring of worſtedes, by the ſpace of.vii.yeres,or be conninge in the ſame, and their conning approued and admitted by the Mayre of the ſayde citye of Norwych for the tyme being and the towe mayſters of the ſayd crafte and occupaciō yerely to be choſen within the ſayd citye of Norwich or in the county of Norff of the crafte of wete calendring,vppon peine of euery ſuch perſon or perſones which hereafter ſhal do the contrary,to forfayt for euery pece ſo calendred againſt the ordinaūces and purueiances afore ſayde.C.s.the one moity of whiche penaltyes and forfaytures (aboue ſpecified) and of euery of theym, to be to the kynge our ſoueraygne Lorde,and yͤ other moity therof to be to the maiſters of yͤ ſayd occupation of wete calendringe(for the time beinge) And that it ſhalbe lawfull to the maiſter of yͤ ſayde occupatiō(for the tyme beinge and their ſucceſſours, to ſue for the one moity of all ſuch penalties hereafter to be forfayted,againſt euery ſuche perſon or perſons, as hereafter ſhall do contrary to the forme and effect of this eſtatute,by actiō of det by writ at yͤ common law or by bil or plaint,after the cuſtome of ſuche Cytye, port or towne, where ſhall happen any ſuche forfayture to be or fall, or by information in the kynges eſcheker. And that no protection or eſſoyne, ne no wager of law for the defendant,in any ſuch action plaint or information be allowable before any maner of Juſtices, where any ſuch ſuite or information ſhalbe vſed for the ſayd forfaiture. And this acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶An acte concerninge Juries in London. Cap.v.

Where in this preſent parlyament holden at Weſtmin.the.iiij.day of February,in the.iij.yere of the reigne of our ſoueraigne lorde yͤ kinge,& proroged vnto the.4.day of Nouembre in the.4.yere of the reigne of our ſoueraigne lord yͤ king,& adiourned vnto Weſtminſter aforeſayd, foraſmuch as after iſſues ioygned in actions & ſuits cōmenced,taken,or dependinge in the kynges courtes before him ſelfe in hys bēche,& before his Juſtices of the common benche,& alſo in his eſcheker at the kynges ſute,or at the ſuite of the party, triable in the Citye of London, aſwell the kinge as the parties ſuffered great delay many times for defaut of apparance of the iuries empanelled to trie the ſayd iſſues,& many tymes for lacke of iurours,not hauinge landes & tenements of the yerely value of xl.s.It was the ſayd.iiij.day of Nouembre ordeined and enacted by thauctority of this preſent parliamēt, that the ſheriffes of London,for the time beinge ſhould haue full auctority & power to retorne in panels or araies of all actions & ſuites than dependinge, or yͭ ſhould depend in any of the ſayd courtes or eſcheker,perſons beinge citizens,hauinge goods to the value of C.marke or aboue,to try the iſſue ioygned in euery ſuch actiō or ſute.And that the perſōs ſo retourned,hauinge goods to the value of C,marke or aboue,ſhould be ſworne & do in all ſuch iuries,in likewiſe in euery thyng as other perſons ſhould do,hauinge landes,& tenementes of the yearely value of.xl.s.ouer all charges.And that the ſheriffes of the ſayd city(for the tyme beyng)ſhould retourne vpon the firſt diſtreſſe in euery ſuch action or ſuite vpō euery of the iurours enpanelled to try the iſſues thereof.xx.d.& vpō the ſecond diſtres vpon euery of the ſame iurours.xl.d.& vpon euery diſtres after that vpō euery of the ſame iurours yͤ double,till a full iury in euery ſuch action & ſuit ſhould appere & be ſworne to trye yͤ iſſue ioygned in the ſame. And that the ſheriffes yͭ ſhoulde make any retourne vpon ſuch diſtres contrary to the forme aforeſayd, ſhould forfait for euery ſuch default.x.li.yͤ one halfe thereof to the kinge,& thother half to the party that will ſue therfore. And that the defēdant in any ſuch action ſhoulde not be admitted to wage his law,nor protectiō therin for him alowed,which ſtatute was only made for the good expeditiō of iuſtice for to haue quicke apparance of iurours citizens of London at ſainct Martins the graūd,within the ſayd city,wher all iuries were & bene boūden only to appere to trie the iſſues ioigned of al thinges triable in Lōdon by proceſſe of Niſi prius out of the ſayd courtes, & in none other place, accordinge to their auncient liberty,priuiledge, & cuſtome:wherfore for more plaine declaration of the ſame good eſtatute be it ordeined and eſtabliſhed by the auctority of this preſente parliamente, that the ſayd acte be expoūded, interpreted and taken,that the ſheriffes for the time beinge be boūden to retourn at euery firſt diſtres of Niſi prius to be had at the ſayd ſainct Martins in euery ſuch action or ſuite,vpon euery of the iurours impanelled to trie the iſſues thereof.xx.d.and vpon the ſeconde diſtreſſe of Niſi prius,vpon euery of the ſame iurours xl.d.And vpon euery diſtres of Niſi prius after that,euery of the ſame iurours the double,til a full iurie in euery ſuche action and ſute ſhall appere and be ſworne to trye the iſſue ioyned in the ſame. And that no ſheriffe of the ſayd cittie or other, any thing forfayte,by force or colour of the ſaid eſtatute,for any returne to be made,except onely vpon retournes to be made cōtrary to the forme declaracion interpretacion and expoſition of this eſtatute, that is to ſay,vpon writtes of diſtreſſes before Juſtices or iuſtice of Niſi prius within the ſaid citty,and that vpon all other writtes and proceſſes, that be and ſhalbe awarded out of the ſayd courtes or eſcheker,it ſhalbe lawfull to yͤ ſheriffes for the tyme bringe to make theyr returnes accordinge to the order of the law as the ſheriffes of London were wont to do before the making of the ſayd ſtatute, without any loſſe or forfayture.

An act concerning ſurgeons to be diſcharged of queſtes and other thinges Cap.vi.

Sheweth vnto your diſcrete wyſedomes your humble oratours the wardens ⁊ felowſhip of the crafte ⁊ miſterie of ſurgions enfraūchiſed in the citie of London,not paſſing in nomber xii.perſons, that whereas they and theyr predeceſſours,from the time that no mynde is to the contrary, aſwell in this noble citie of London, as in all other cities and boroughes wythin this realme,or els where,for the continuall ſeruice ⁊ attendance that they dayly and nightly at al houres ⁊ tymes geue to the kinges liege people,for the reliefe of the ſame accordinge to theyr ſcience, haue ben exempt and diſcharged from all offices and buſines,wherein they ſhould vſe or beare anye maner of armour or weapon,⁊ with like pryuiledge haue bene entreated as Haralds of armes, as well in battailes and fields as other places,there for to ſtand vnharniſed and vnweapened according to the law of armes , becauſe they be perſonnes that neuer vſed feates of warre,nor ought to vſe, but onely yͤ buſines and exercyſe of theyr ſcience, to the helpe and comfort of the kynges liege people in the tyme of their neede. And in the foreſaid citie of London,from the time of theyr fyrſt incorporacion, whan they haue ben many mo in nomber thā they be now,were neuer called nor charged to be on queſt,watch nor other office, wherby they ſhould vſe or occuppe any armour or defēcible geare of warre:where through they ſhould be vnredy ⁊ letted to practiſe their cure of men being in perell. Therefore for that they be ſo ſmall nomber of yͤ ſaid felowſhip of the craft ⁊ miſterie of Surgions,in regard of yͤ great multitude of pacientes that be and daily chaunce ⁊ fortune happeneth ⁊ encreaſeth in the foreſaid citie of London,and that many of the kinges liege people ſodenly woūded and hurt for default of helpe in time to them to be ſhewed periſhe,and ſo diuers haue done,as euidently is knowen,by occaſion that your ſayde ſuppliantes haue beene compelled to attende vppon ſuche

Conſtableſhip,watches and Juryes,as is aforeſayd. Be it enacted and eſtabliſhed by the king our ſoueraigne lord and the lords ſpyrituall ⁊ temporall,and by the cõmons in this preſent parliament aſſembled,and by auctority of the ſame, yͭ from henceforth your ſaid ſuppliantes be diſcharged and not chargeable of conſtableſhip,watch,and al maner of office,bearing any armour,and alſo of al enqueſtes and Juries wythin the cittie of Lõdon. And alſo that this act in all thing do exende to al barbours ſurgions admitted and approued to exerciſe the ſayd miſterie of ſurgiõs, according to the fourme of the ſtatute lately made in that behalf,ſo that they excede, ne be at one time aboue the nomber of xij.perſons.

An acte concerning ſtraungers for bying of leather in open market. Cap.vij.

IN theyr moſt humble wyſe ſhewen ⁊ complaine vnto your highnes your poore and daily oratours the felowſhip ⁊ brotherhead of the bleſſed Trinity at the black Fryers in your city of London, of the craft of Cordwainers,ſtraungers,yͭ where at your laſt parliament holden at Weſtminſter,in yͤ third yere of your moſt noble reigne,amõges other things it was accorded ⁊ enacted,by an acte made ⁊ graũted vnto the wardẽs ⁊ felowſhippe of the coriours,to haue ſerche of leather for certaine cauſes in the ſayd act largely named and expreſſed, that no ſtraũger alien not borne wythin your realme of England,Irelande,Wales,Calice,or the marches of the ſame,dwellinge wythin any fraunchiſed place or places, wythin the precinct of the ſaid citie of London and ſubburbes,as in the frauncheſe of ſainct Katherines, ſainct Martins,in the towne of Weſtminſter,and in yͤ borough of Southwarke, ſhould bie,or cauſe to be bought to his or theyr vſe,any leather or wares in any ſecrete place,but onely in the open market where it ſhould be ſeene, aſſaied,ſealed,abled good and ſufficiently tanned and corryed.And alſo that the wardẽs of the corriours, theyr ſucceſſours and aſſignes, ſhould haue ſerch in the craft ⁊ brotherheade of the Trinity aforeſayd as wel infraunchiſed places,as in any other places,for al maner of ſuch leather or ware inſufficiẽtly tanned,ſealed and corryed,as often as they ſhould thincke conuenient,and the ſame leather ſo found inſufficient, to be forfayted, with other peynes in the content of the ſayd acte limitted and expreſſed. Sith the makinge of which ſtatute, many and the moſte party of all your ſaid poore oratours be fallen in great decay and pouerty by the meanes of which ſtatute the ſaid craft of corriours wrõgfully daily compell your ſaide poore oratours,ſtraungers,borne vnder the dominion of themperour,and the prince of Caſtell, to bie theyr leather and wares of them,and of no perſon els, after theyr owne price,withoute any righte or conſcience: In as much that by force of the aboue named acte your poore oratours ſtrãgers may bie no red leather as they were wont to do before the makyng of the ſayd ſtatute,but it muſt be corried. And ſo if yͤ ſayd leather be vnlawfully dreſt or coryed,all the fault returneth to your ſayd pore oratours,where as afore time they boughte both redde leather and other, and ſaw that it ſhould be ſufficiently corried and dreſt,or els to be forfaited wherof your ſayd oratours maye not pleaſe and ſerue your lordes,ſtates, and comminaltie of this your realme,as they were wonte to do in times paſt afore the making of the ſayd acte:for (as it is openly knowen) the ſaid wardeins and craft of corriours daily ſel the beſt leather in groſſe to marchauntes ſtraungers, Italians and other perſons,ſo that your poore oratours be compelled to take and bie of them vnlawful leather in retayle,or els in groſſe, wyth ouer chargeable price for lacke of a due order and prouiſion. In conſideracion whereof,and for the moſt comforte and reliefe of the ſaid brotherhead and felowſhip of the bleſſed Trinitie,it would pleaſe your ſaide highnes, and the lords ſpyrituall & temporall,and the commons in this your preſent parliament aſſembled that it may therfore be ordeined enacted and eſtabliſhed,by auctority of the ſame,that from hencefoorth it be lawfull to all maner of perſon or perſons eſtraungers,beinge in the felowſhip of the bleſſed Trinitie afore named,and to al maner other perſõs, borne vnder the dominion of the Emperour and the prince of Caſtel to bie all maner of read leather,or other leather,coried or not coried in open market and feires within your realme of Englãd,ſufficiently wrought aſſayed and ſealed, with all lawfull ſearch,in all places fraunchiſed or vnfraunchiſed,as they haue done and occupied in times paſte afore the making of the aboueſayd acte,in the thyrd yere of your reigne, without any let,interruption,and trouble by any perſon or perſons,accordinge to the olde vſaunce, and cuſtome,the ſaid acte of corriours ſtatute and ordinaũce, or any other acte or actes,grauntes,ſtatutes or ordinaunces to the contrary made or to be made notwythſtanding.

Prouided alway that this preſente act do not extend to any other perſon;but ſuch as be of the brotherheade,and to all other perſons borne vnder the Emperour and the king of Caſtels dominion.

Prouided alſo,that this acte ſhall not extende to giue any perſon(borne out of the kinges obeyſaunce) libertie to bie any leather vntanned, nor vnſufficiently tanned.

Prouided furthermore,that no perſon(borne out of the kings obeyſance) by colour of this acte ſhall haue auctority to bie any leather in any ſecrete place,but onely in open markets and fayres.

Prouided alſo that no perſon by colour of this act haue auctority to bie or ſell any leather within the cittie of London, but if eyther the bier or the ſeller be a free man of the ſayd cittie.according to the auncient cuſtomes & libertyes of yͤ ſaid cittie,& according to diuers eſtatutes in that caſe made and purueyed, except onely in S.Barthelmewes fayre.

Prouided alſo, that this acte ſhal not extende to take awaye or miniſhe any power or auctoritie,giuen by yͤ ſaid former eſtatute vnto the wardẽs of the felowſhip of corriours, & to theyr ſucceſſours, for due ſerche by them and theyr deputies to be made in any place, or vppon any perſon for leather vnſufficiently dreſte, wroughte tanned, or vnſealed, nor in the execution of ſuch penalties as be conteyned in the ſayde former acte and ſtatute for the puniſhmentes of ſuch defaultes as ſhalbe by the ſaid ſerch founden.

Prouided alſo, that no perſon borne out of the kinges obeiſſaunce, haue none auctoritye, by reaſon of this act, to begin any new markets wythin ſaint Martins the graund of London, or in any other fraũchiſed place, but onely ſhall bie in ſuch markettes as haue ben of old time accuſtomed.

An act concerning the maner and forme of ſute for the kinges moſt gracious letters of generall pardon. Cap.viii.

Where it hath pleaſed the kinges highnes of his mere mocion and moſt habundant grace to graunt to euery of his ſubiectes his generall pardon, by his letters patentes to be obteyned vppon and concerninge all and ſinguler articles contayned & ſpecifyed in a bill ſigned wyth his moſte gracious hand, deliuered and remayninge in the cuſtodye of his Chauncellour of England for the warrant for the ſame. Be it enacted by our ſayd ſoueraigne lord the king, with the aſſent of the lords ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, and by the auctority of the ſame, that all and as manye, and euery of the kynges ſubiectes, the which at any time hereafter wyll ſue for any of yͤ ſayde pardons, ſhall haue the aduauntage auayle and benefite of the ſame pardon in all and euery of the kings courtes to him or them to be allowed without writ or writtes of allowaunce thereuppon to bee made ſued, the ſame perſon or perſons payeng onely ſuch fees, as well of ſealinge, as other duties in the kinges Chauncerye, and all other the kings courtes, as ſhalbe ordred aſſigned limitted and appointed by our ſayd ſoueraygne lord: or by ſuche of his moſte honourable councell as his highnes ſhall thereunto name, and no more neyther other fees to be payed for the premiſſes.

God ſaue the king.